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Dutch blow to cheap air fares

The Netherlands refused permission for cheap air fares between London and Amsterdam and threatened Britain's whole policy of lower rates to Western Europe. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, is planning urgent talks with the Dutch Page 3

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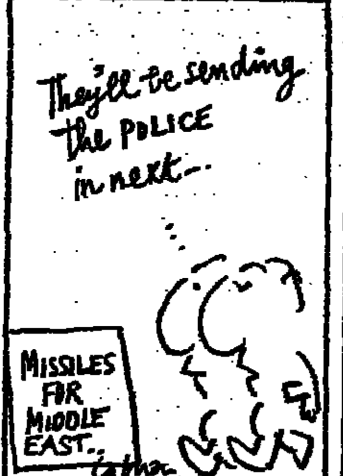
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Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, arrived in Lisbon, the first stop on the most extensive foreign tour by a South African leader in 36 years Page 5

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Sumitomo, the Japanese rubber group, has agreed to keep open the Fort Dunlop tyre plant in Birmingham, saving several hundred jobs, as part of its £120m deal to buy Dunlop's European tyre business Page 19

England's best

England's rugby union side achieved the highest win so far on their tour by beating a South African Rugby Association team 30-8 Page 23

Oil and coal share blame for record trade deficit

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Our Banking Correspondent

Britain recorded its biggest ever deficit on trade with the rest of the world in April, largely because of the Gulf war and the miners' strike.

Visible trade was in the red to the tune of £838m compared with £227m in March, according to the latest official figures from the Department of Trade and Industry. After an estimated £250m surplus on invisible earnings such as banking and insurance, the current account deficit also reached a record £588m.

Government officials blamed much of the deterioration in the balance of payments on the war and the strike which have affected the oil trade.

Oil companies have been rapidly building up stocks which officials attribute to increasing tension in the Middle East, and the pit dispute has increased imports of fuel oil because the electricity industry has stepped up use of oil-fired power stations to preserve coal stocks.

This led to a £406m drop in the surplus earned on oil during the month, of which about £100m was due to the strike, and accounted for about two-thirds of the increase on the visible trade deficit.

The figures were greeted with disbelief in the City, which expected a small surplus on current account. The trade figures are known to be notoriously erratic and are often substantially revised and, in the foreign exchange markets, the pound scarcely reacted.

In nervous but quiet trading, it closed up 10 points against the dollar at $1.3860 and 0.2 higher against a basket of currencies at 79.6.

However, there is concern about the impact on the economy if the strike is much prolonged and, excluding oil, the underlying trend in trade appears to have worsened.

The volume of exports other than oil, after moving strongly upwards during the second half of last year, may have begun to level out in recent months but underlying import volume is continuing to rise, the Department of Trade and Industry said.

Even including oil, imports are continuing to rise much faster than exports. Figures for the latest three months, which give a more reliable picture of the trend than monthly figures, show that total export volume rose 3 per cent over the previous three months and was 7.5 per cent higher than a year ago.

By contrast, imports in the three months to April were 5.5 per cent higher and 12 per cent above the same period a year ago.

For April alone, imports hit a new record of £6.21 billion, up from £5.92 billion in March. Exports were down from £5.69 billion to £5.37 billion although, excluding oil and erratic items such as ships, aircraft and gems, there was a 1.5 per cent rise due to higher chemical and semi-manufactured exports.

The current account surplus in the first four months of this year now totals £103m compared with a £2 billion surplus for the whole of last year and Treasury forecast of a surplus this year.



Riot police escorting a constable hit by missiles at Orgreave yesterday.

Police hold 84 as pickets battle to stop coke run

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Eighty-four people were arrested and 64 injured when striking miners staged a bloody but unsuccessful rerun of the famous 1972 "Battle of Saltley" at a Yorkshire coke works yesterday.

Stones, wooden fencing spars, a shovel and a bucket were among missiles hurled at police in riot gear who held back as many as 7,000 pickets trying to halt the movement of coking coal from Orgreave to the British Steel works at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

Amid fumes and explosions from smoke bombs, thunderflashes and firecrackers, two convoys of 34 lorries raced through the mass picket with supplies for blastfurnaces said to be at risk from fuel starvation.

Violence on the Orgreave picket line, just outside Sheffield, flared on the eve of peace talks between leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Coal Board, due to begin today at a secret location. A South Yorkshire police officer blamed Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the union, for inflaming the situation.

Superintendent Tony Pratt said last night: "This picket line, in the four days that I have been in control, has not had any violent animosity towards the police. That has appeared in the last two days and Mr Scargill has appeared here in the last two days."

Mr Scargill counter-charged that there had been "almost unbelievable brutality" by the police and predicted that the picketing would resume in force today. "We did it at Grunwick, and we can do it here," he said.

His comparison was drawn with the blockade at a London film-processing laboratory in the mid-1970s but a closer parallel is with the mass picket which closed down the Saltley coke depot in Birmingham by 20,000 pitmen and their supporters during the first big miners' strike. The city's chief constable was forced to close the depot, but senior police officers last night insisted that the same will not happen again at Orgreave.

Yesterday's ugly scenes, when missiles of every description were thrown and mounted police chased pickets in running bettles across fields, add an extra dimension of urgency to the talks on the future of the industry beginning today somewhere outside London.

Senior management from the coal board will put forward proposals under the "principles" of the 1974 *Plan for Coal* designed to restart serious negotiations that could end the bitter, 12-week-old strike. Only 14 pits out of 176 were working normally yesterday; all the rest were on strike or on holiday.

Trouble began yesterday morning when 35 lorries, heavily protected by wire mesh, arrived at the cokeworks to load up. Pickets surged forward under a hail of missiles and fircrackers, and police using riot gear for the first time since the dispute began went in to make arrests. One officer broke a leg falling from his horse. The convoy got through.

Violence broke out again when the lorries returned, and pickets scattered across a field as a posse of mounted police pursued them, followed by officers carring riot shields. Fighting continued as the second convoy left for Scunthorpe.

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War widows will join D-Day visit

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

The Prime Minister has overruled the Ministry of Defence and ordered that a group of war widows should be allowed to attend the D-Day fortieth anniversary celebrations in Normandy next month at public expense.

Defence ministers had resisted public pressure for the Government to extend to war widows arrangements it is already making for about 370 veterans to visit France for the events.

Yesterday, however, Mrs Margaret Thatcher in a letter to Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, that the anniversary was unique and said arrangements were being made at once for a visit by about 50 widows.

Mr Kinnock had told Mrs Thatcher there was "widespread dismay" over the failure to arrange such a visit officially and, in an obvious and successful attempt to embarrass the Government, offered to give some of the places allocated to the Labour Party.

Mrs Thatcher is understood to have been advised by senior colleagues that the ministry's stance was damaging, particularly during the European election campaign.

The haste with which the decision was taken was apparent last night. The ministry said applications would be taken on a first-come-first-served basis and gave telephone numbers, displayed on television news last night, which widows should ring.

Mrs Helen Rosbottom, of the War Widows' Association of Great Britain, last night expressed gratitude but said that the decision had come at terribly short notice.

The successful applicants will be flown to Normandy by the RAF or by charter. The Government will pay for their travel to and from London and, if required, accommodation in London on the June 5 and June 6 nights. In France coaches will take them to their husbands' graves.

Mr Kinnock said last night: "I am very pleased".

● The BBC's coverage of D-Day ceremonies will go ahead, despite a dispute between the broadcaster David Dimbleby and the National Union of Journalists.

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Iran will resist US forces in Gulf

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

As the first load of 400 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles and launchers arrived by air in Saudi Arabia from the United States yesterday afternoon, President Khamenei of Iran – evidently anticipating American intervention in the Gulf war – warned Washinton that Iran would "resist and fight" any US forces sent to the battle zone and implied that Iran would sink US warships if they participated in the conflict.

In a sarcastic attack on President Reagan's decision to send military supplies to the Gulf, Mr Khamenei told a parade of Iranian naval personnel at the port of Bandar Abbas that "if the Americans are prepared to sink in the depths of the Persian Gulf waters for nothing, then let them come with their faith, motivation and divine power".

An American KC10 tanker aircraft, capable of refuelling Saudi jets in mid-air, was also reported to have entered Saudi airspace last night. According to newspaper reports in the Gulf, up to 30 US advisers accompanied the shipment of hand-held missiles into a Saudi airfield yesterday to teach Saudi personnel how to fire the weapons.

However, the authorities in Riyadh – anxious as ever to present an image of neutrality in the Gulf war – have disclosed no details of the latest stage in America's military cooperation with their country.

President Khamenei had more to say about the allegiances of the Arab Gulf states during his address at Bandar Abbas, at the very Straits of Hormuz, yesterday. "If certain Persian Gulf states are truly neutral", he said, "they will certainly be immune from invasion. But it is not possible for the bases, the Awacs, port facilities and flag of your country to be used by the Iraqi regime and then claim neutrality . . . A neighbour who wants to deliver a blow at us is more dangerous than a stranger, and we should face that danger."

Iran, Mr Khamenei said, would stand against those neighbours who intended to strike blows against it. "The response of aggression is aggression . . . US threats of new weapon and aircraft deliveries will not deter the resolute determination of the Islamic Republic."

Meanwhile, well aware that the Gulf states are still giving financial support to Iraq, oil tender crews in the Gulf are taking the Iranian statements seriously. Several vessels on the Kuwait run through the sea-lanes north-west of Bahrain are

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Tory unionists to be levy watchdogs

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Tory trade unionists are to be recruited by the Government to supervise a campaign against unintentional payment of the Labour Party political levy.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, is to ask sympathizers in the unions to police an agreement with the TUC that is designed to inform members of their right to contract out of the levy.

He will tell Tory rank and filers at the Conservative Trade Unionists' conference in Birmingham next weekend, that they have a responsibility to hold TUC leaders to their word.

Tory unionists will be asked to check that national and local officials of more than 100 affiliated unions carry out to the letter a deal that is supposed to inform 10 million existing members and all new members of their legal right to opt out of financial contributions to the Labour Party.

The TUC has drawn up guidance on how the agreement reached on February 15, should be spelled out to trade unionists, but detailed work is not expected to be completed before the end of next month.

Mr King is under intense pressure from his back benches and from Conservative trade union activists to go further than the original deal with the unions, by changing the law so the contracting out is replaced by contracting in.

But he will argue that the TUC must be given a chance to deliver on its promise to offer a free and unfettered choice to all union members to choose

Thousands stranded by ferry strike

By David Nicholson-Lord

Thousands of holidaymakers are stranded today by a 48-hour strike on British ferries which began at midnight.

The National Union of Seamen called the stoppage in protest at the Government's plan to sell British Rail's ferry subsidiary, Sealink, to private investors. Union leaders hope that a total stoppage on all British-based ferries will undermine the Government'S plans.

The strike is likely to result in the loss of at least 70 of Sealink's 120 daily cross-Channel sailings and there are likely to be no Sealink services to Ireland or the Channel Islands. Services around the north and west of Scotland are also disrupted. Most services operated by the other leading ferry operators, P & O and Townsend Thoresen, are also expected to be cancelled today and tomorrow.

But hovercraft should be operating normally and many passengers may be able to travel on ships crewed by non-British seamen. These include the French, Dutch and Belgian arms of Sealink as well as Brittany Ferries, Olau, Sally Viking, B & I, Prins, Tor and DFDS.

The NUS last night forecast 100 per cent support from its 7,000 members on ferries but Townsend Thoresen said some local union officers were leaving the decision to individual crews. Motoring organizations and ferry companies advised passengers to check with ports before leaving.

The union also warned of further disruption later in the summer, possibly extending to companies like Trafalgar House, Sea Containers and Ellerman which have said they would be interested in buying Sealink.

The strike coincides with Ascension Day tomorrow, a public holiday in parts of Europe and more planned demonstrations by French farmers around Calais and Boulogne. Passengers returning to Britain from the more westerly Channel ports like Le Havre and Cherbourg could face long delays.

Townsend Thoresen, which stands to lose all but three of more than 100 sailings over the two days, has been told, like P & O, that it cannot bid for Sealink, on the ground of fair trading. It described the dispute last night as ridiculous, adding: "We feel particularly bitter about this because we are now being hit by the unions as well."

Fears grow for baby

Police searching for 16-day-old Louise Brown, who vanished from the back seat of a stolen car in south-west London, now believe she may have been stolen deliberately by a woman.

They intensified inquiries yesterday after a person was seen holding a maroon carrycot near the spot where the car was abandoned.

Detective Chief Inspector Bill Forman, leading the investigation, said: "We are extremely concerned about little Louise."

Louise had been undergoing tests to find out if she suffered from Down's syndrome.

Her parents, Mr Paul Brown and Miss Susan Pullen left her in their car for five minutes while they went into a sub-post office.

Soldier dies in IRA bomb blast

A soldier was killed and another was seriously injured yesterday in a terrorist landmine attack on a joint army-police patrol at Mounthill, near Crossmaglen, in South Armagh (Richard Ford writes).

Lance Corporal Stephen Anderson, aged 23, died instantly when the bomb exploded in "bandit country" on the day he was celebrating his second wedding anniversary. He had a seven month old daughter, and was from Hednesford in Staffordshire. He was serving with the 1st Battalion, Staffordshire Regiment. The injured soldier was flown to hospital in Belfast where last night he was seriously ill with facial and head injuries.

The Provisional IRA admitted responsibility for the murder.

Man dies in heart drug test

Tests on a new heart drug were halted yesterday when a man aged 30 died 15 minutes after taking it at a private Dublin clinic.

The director of the clinic, Dr Austin Darragh, said: "We have to work on the assumption that there is a connexion between the drug and his death".

The drug, code-named 3791, is being tested at the Institute for Clinical Pharmacology in Dublin for a German firm.

The dead man, Niall Rush, and three other men also aged 30, were given the drug voluntarily at 10am yesterday. Fifteen minutes later Mr Rush, who was a single man, was dead. The other three men were said to be "fit and well".

The drug has been undergoing tests at the clinic for a year and more than 40 doses have been administered to volunteers. It is still at the trial stage and not commercially available. The drug is being tested for use in regulating heart beat in patients.

The clinic employs 110 people and has been open for 14 years. Dr Darragh described the clinic as "one of the biggest in the world".

Volunteers are paid £16 a day together with bed and meals for taking part in tests.

Dr Darragh said: "We now have to find out exactly what happened. We are medically and morally obliged to make the assumption that therefore is a connexion between the drug and the death".

Observer talks

The future of *The Observer* was still in doubt last night after a meeting between its owners, Lonrho, and the paper's management to discuss the threatened closure of the paper after Sunday's loss of publication.

Russia prepares for a close encounter

From Richard Owen Moscow

The Kremlin, once sceptical about the existence of flying saucers, has finally succumbed to the unshakable Russian belief in close encounters of the third kind. The newspaper *Trud* (Labour) yesterday reported that a special commission for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) has been set up under Pavel Popovich, the former cosmonaut.

The UFO commission is a victory for *Trud* which has been at the forefront of the battle to prove that alien invaders are not a figment of the Russian imagination.

There was a time when the Kremlin used to insist, as *Pravda* put it in the 1960s, that "all objects that fly over the territory of our country are identified either by scientists or by those who stand guard over the security of our homeland". But the Russians are incorrigible believers in the occult, and were delighted last year when *Trud* carried a series of articles and letters reporting strange bright lights seen travelling across the sky above Byelorussia and Central Russia, terrifying the inhabitants below.



Pavel Popovitch: Cosmonaut in the 1960s.

The incident which has finally convinced the authorities that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in dialectical materialism occured in Gorky in March last year. Gorky is closed to foreigners (and hence a convenient place of exile for Dr Sakharov and his wife), but is apparently not closed to visitors from outer space.

According to Mr Popovich, air traffic controllers at Gorky airport spotted a light-grey steel object shaped like a cigar flying towards them on the evening of March 27. It was about the size of a conventional airliner, and like the Korean Air Lines jumbo which strayed into Soviet airspace last September failed to respond to radio contact.

However the air defences at Gorky, unlike their colleagues at Kamchatka, did not open fire, possibly because the intruder had no wings and was flying at an altitude of 3,000 ft at a speed of up to 125 mph. The object behaved erratically, flying 45 miles to the south east of Gorky before turning to head back towards the airport and finally vanishing 25 miles north of the city.

Mr Popovich said his newly formed Commission for the Investigation of Abnormal Atmospheric Phenomena was taking the flying cigar of Gorky very seriously indeed. It had been sighted by reliable and well-trained aviation experts who had given precise and scientific observations, and who had seen the mysterious object on their radar screens for a full 40 minutes.

Trud disappointed some readers by revealing that other phenomena witnessed by less well-trained observers would not be taken up by the commission.

Wage cuts would not boost jobs, say unions

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Wage cuts in the economically depressed areas of Britain would not provide more jobs because there is no correlation between regional pay rates and the changing pattern of unemployment, the TUC has told the Government.

In a detailed submission to Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the unions argue that wage levels play very little part in determining the location of industry.

Responding to the Government's White Paper, *Regional Industrial Development*, the TUC recalls the minister's view that trade union insistence on multi-plant national wage bargaining has prevented wage rates from adjusting to increased unemployment in Assisted Areas.

It is not clear how seriously the Government takes its own wages argument, says the TUC, because the White Paper itself asks for evidence to support the wage-cut policy assertion.

"For instance, while earnings in both the East and West Midlands have lagged behind the national average, unemployment has risen considerably. In contrast, in the North-west, Scotland, the North, Wales, Northern Ireland, and the *South-west relative earnings* have either tended to rise faster than the national average or remained about the same, but unemployment has risen much more slowly than the national average," the paper states.

The TUC proposes, instead, that the present £650m spending on regional subsidies should not only be maintained but be doubled to £1.300m a year through the introduction of an additional "labour subsidy". It also wants the West Midlands to have Assisted Area status, and a review to identify other regional "blackspots".

Regional changes in earnings and unemployment compared with national average since 1967

Region	Change in relative earnings (%)	Change in relative unemployment (%)
South-east	+1.4	+10
East Anglia	+8.3	-4
South-west	+4.5	-14
West Midlands	-9.4	+20
East Midlands	-2.2	+22
Yorks, Humber	+3.1	+26
North-east	*	+20
North	+2.7	-20
Wales	*	-23
Scotland	+3.4	-30
N Ireland	+4.8	-49

* = no change

Fifteen pits face closure because of combustion and collapse, board says

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Fifteen pits are at risk because of geological problems arising from the 12-week strike, and spontaneous combustion is "well into the incubation period" at others, miners' leaders have been told.

This picture of deteriorating coalfaces and roadways forms the backdrop to peace negotiations between the coal board and national union officials.

Some miners are concerned at the signs of physical crack-up at their pits, but the first official detailed picture, put to the National Union of Mineworkers last week, has been disclosed to *The Times*.

It shows that the risks to employment are greatest in Yorkshire, where the strike began.

But there are also serious problems at two militant collieries that joined the strike early, in Lancashire and at two of the three mines in Kent.

Three pits in north Derbyshire and another three in Scotland, both hard-line areas supporting the strike, are also said to be in jeopardy.

Mr Albert Wheeler, area director for Scotland, yesterday partly lifted the veil of the coal board's confidential list of mines at risk, saying that the

Pits at risk

Pit	Empl'ees	Output: Tonnes a year 000s
Scotland		
Barony	650	230
Comrie	1,100	420
Seafield	2,030	1,000
Yorkshire		
Brodsworth	2,450	1,100
Highgate	1,440	720
Markham Main	1,530	890
Askern	1,300	700
Dodworth	1,368	637
Derbyshire		
Renishaw Park	580	440
Shirebrook	1,920	1,625
Warsop	1,410	1,000
Lancashire		
Bold	1,270	507
Sutton Manor	800	383
Kent		
Tilmanstone	640	200
Betteshanger	1,150	400

Source: coal board official report to NUM, May 23

situation at Barony colliery, Ayrshire, was critical. The roof and floor were converging, but the local strike committee had refused to allow maintenance men to cross picket lines.

Working coalfaces at two pits in Fife, Comrie and Castlehill, were also increasingly under threat, he said. The three pits employ 2,000 men and, although Mr Wheeler denied local union claims that 4,000 jobs were to be axed by 1986, he said: "Unless we have a return to work many men are going to find it difficult to restart work".

Most problems are on mechanized coalfaces, where unchecked downward pressure from millions of tons of rock has overcome the hydraulic resistance of the "walking chocks", movable power supports that separate the floor from the roof at the point of production.

Many power supports are now immovably wedged, and if the process continues whole faces may have to be abandoned. Other problems afflict the roadways, for instance at Dodworth pit, Yorkshire, a vital communication tunnel has been reduced by geological pressures from 12 feet to three feet for nealy half a mile.

Most of the pits named by Mr Ron Price, head of the board's mining department, are experiencing problems. Other unnamed collieries face fires because spontaneous combustion is well into the incubation period. One coal face has been abandoned at Rossington colliery, Yorkshire.

£3.5m coal drill begins off the Tyne

By David Young

The National Coal Board has started a £3.5m drilling programme eight miles off the mouth of the River Tyne.

The programme, which will use three adapted drill ships, will continue throughout the summer and aims to determine the extent of the rich coal seams that continue under the North Sea from the Northumberland and Durham coalfields.

Mr David Archibald, the board's North-East area director, said: "If the miners on strike in our coaldield need evidence of good future prospects they cannot have a more dramatic illustration than capital investment on such a massive scale being introduced during such a crippling dispute.

"The best way the Northumberland and Durham miners can respond to this initiative is to think deeply about returning to work."

Thatcher had secret plan to handle strike

By Peter Hennessy

The Government has a detailed plan for handling the miners' strike. It was drawn up three years ago in the strictest secrecy on the Prime Minister's instructions by a Cabinet committee of senior civil servants.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher set up the committee after the Government's climbdown on pit closures in February, 1981. It was chaired by Mr (now Sir) Robert Wade-Gery, then head of the Cabinet Office's civil contingencies unit.

The committee, which was a small offshoot of the larger contingencies unit, prepared and costed options for buying time if the National Union of Mineworkers stopped coal supplies to power stations and essential industries.

The Wade-Gery group considered and rejected the possibility of training troops to drive coal trains if the rail unions took sympathetic action in support of the miners. It examined the feasibility of boosting coal imports during a pit strike. Measures were also prepared to increase the contribution of oil-burning power stations to the national grid.

In early 1982, a threefold strategy was adopted by ministers:

- **Bigger coal stocks at the power stations might discourage the miners from taking industrial action in the first place;**
- **If that failed, the stockpiles would ensure the miners suffered financial hardship during a protracted dispute, thereby increasing pressure on their leaders to reach a settlement before stocks were exhausted;**
- **Measures would be taken to replenish supplies during the strike by using private road hauliers**



Enterprising Princess: A smile from the Princess of Wales as she watches the Prince of Wales open five small businesses he helped to establish in workshops built from dilapidated buildings at his farm near the couple's home, Highgrove, in Gloucestershire.

The Bathgate closure

Delay will 'pull down' Leyland

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The collapse of Leyland's once profitable lorry business has been so damaging that some experts believe that any further delay in the planned closure of its plant at Bathgate, Scotland, could pull down the company.

They believe phasing out Bathgate over the next two years is not quick enough and the decision has been delayed too long.

Leyland has lost £214m in the past two years and, according to Professor Krish Bhaskar, head of the motor research unit at the University of East Anglia, will lose up to £150m in the next three years and require another £100m to £200m in additional funding to survive.

Its market share has fallen from about 30 per cent and clear market leadership in the early 1970s to a disastrous 13.4 per cent in 1982. It reversed the trend last year, to 14.5 per cent, as new models made their presence felt.

That share compares with 19 per cent for Ford and Mercedes's 9.3 per cent, although the German company is a relative newcomer.

Leyland production has fallen consistently, from 40,000 lorries a year in the early 1970s to 11,000 last year. It is hoped to increase that to 12,000 this year as British demand improves slowly.

Leyland is not alone in its fight for survival. For the past three years European lorry markets have had their worst recession, with sales halved in many countries.

In past home market recessions, Leyland has relied on its traditional exports to the Commonwealth. In 1979, it exported more than 10,000 lorries a year. But over the past

	Leyland production	UK market share %
1975	41,000	22
1976	32,000	23
1977	30,000	22
1978	28,000	19
1979	30,000	17
1980	22,000	17
1981	16,000	16
1982	14,000	13
1983	11,000	15

18 months these mainly developing countries have run into economic trouble.

The Leyland labour force has been reduced from 29,000 in the late 1970s to 14,500 with 1,800 more to go at Bathgate.

In the past three years, Leyland has introduced seven lorries, but a key replacement is missing. The MT211, to be launched late this year, will replace the outdated Terrior in the lightweight sector, which accounts for 30 per cent of British sales.

● A planned visit by Scottish Conservative MPs to Bathgate, where a sit-in against the planned closure is in progress, was cancelled yesterday.

Teachers accused of upsetting exams

By Richard Garner of The Times Educational Supplement

Head teachers said yesterday that it was ridiculous for teachers to claim that examination candidates had been spared from industrial action over the teachers' pay claim.

Mr Derek Best, chairman of the National Association of Headteachers' professional and legal advisory committee said: "It is ridiculous to claim there had been no effect on examination classes. A number have been sent home.

"Administration, too, is being affected. In some cases, teachers are saying we will not invigilate after a certain time, and in other cases that we will not cover for invigilators who are absent for any reason."

Mr Best, who was speaking on the eve of his association's annual conference in Brighton, added: "What we are saying is we fully understand why our teacher colleagues are taking this action. We sympathize with them, but we do call upon them to try sanctions which hit the Government and the local authorities, and don't hit the pupils and the heads.

The conference is due to debate an emergency motion tomorrow, voicing grave concern at the impasse in pay negotiations and calling for speedy moves to break the deadlock.

The head teachers also believe the action, designed to force the local authorites to improve a 4.5 per cent pay offer or allow the teachers' claim to go to arbitration, has increased truancy.

Strikes by teachers are due to be resumed next week by the two biggest teachers' union's the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/National Union of Women Teachers.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the NAS/UWT, said: "We are not surprised they should say examinations have been affected.

● The National Union of Public Employees has asked its manual and ancillary workers at Scottish universities to strike tomorrow in support of their pay claim. It comes after the rejection of the employers' latest 4.5 per cent pay offer.

Iran exiles still fear 'hit squad'

By a Special Correspondent

Exiled Iranians in London fear that terrorists may still be at large in Britain to assassinate anti-Khomeini dissidents, despite the expulsion of suspected members of an Iranian terror gang two weeks ago.

They think the assassinations could be planned to be carried out before next Tuesday, the twenty-first anniversary of an abortive uprising by Ayatollah Khomeini against the late Shah's regime.

A Home Office communique says that four men – Ali Ghorbani Far, an Iranian national, Abdel-Majid Chraibi, a Morrocan with French identity papers, and two Algerians, Abdel-Liad Djafar and Hafid Rogradi – were expelled after Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, had become "satisfied that they were involved in preparing acts of terrorism and that their presence here was not conducive to the public good".

However, a dissident who wishes to remain anonymous, says: "Their two organizers are still working at the Iranian embassy masquerading as diplomats".

Captain Vahab Zadegan, a former naval attache at the Iranian embassy, has been named as the man who informed Britain about a hit list and identified suspected terrorists.

Sale room

Train sets record toy price

By Huon Mallalieu

In financial terms toys have long come out of the cupboard and are too valuable to be left to children.

Yesterday, at Sotheby's, a record £28,050 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) was paid by the Alexander Gallery, New York, for a toy, a tinplate model train set of the "Rocket" made by the leading German company of Marklin about 1909.

The previous record was set last year at £17,875 by a "Lusitania" from the same company.

The £11,000 record for a doll was broken twice and equalled once.

A private bidder paid £17,600 for an unusually early and well preserved English lady doll of about 1690.

The next two generations were represented by an aristocratic lady of about 1725, again in good condition, which sold for £12,100 (estimate £5,000 to £8,000), and an elaborate but faded George II lady bought by the Castle Museum, York, for £11,000 (£5,000 to £8,000).

At Christie's, south Kensington, a battered and yellowing painting by Albert Bierstedt of a waterfall, which was unframed but stuck to a panel to prevent further damage, sold for £100,000.

That emphasized the strength of what used to be known as the "colonial", but is now less contentiously termed the "topographical" market, that is nineteenth-century paintings of the Americas, India, and the dominions.

Portsmouth South by-election

Alliance effort fired by Conservative tactics

By Michael Webster, Political Reporter

The Social Democratic-Liberal Alliance has decided to give the highest priority to the Portsmouth South by-election in an attempt to ensure that the Government's tactic of calling it on the same day as the European elections backfires.

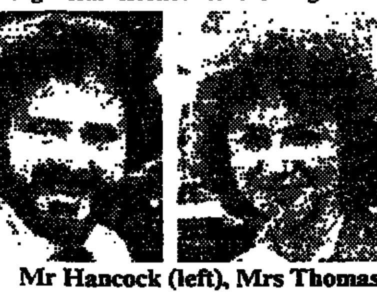
The Social Democrats' leaders recognize that a victory at Portsmouth would be a tremendous compensation for what could be expected, on paper at least, to be a poor result in terms of seats won in the European campaign.

The Alliance, which has no members of the European parliament (MEPs) at present, could not be expected to win more than a handful on June 14.

The SDP's candidate, Mr Michael Hancock, an engineer, aged 38, finished second in last June's general election to the former MP Mr Ralph Bonner Pink, whose death brought about the by-election. But the Alliance was well behind Labour in the local elections earlier this month.

The Alliance forcefully disputed Labour's claim yesterday that in the wards making up the constituency the Conservatives won 10,811 votes, Labour 10,036, and the Alliance 4,694, putting Labour 3 per cent behind the Conservatives and 20 per cent ahead of the Alliance. Labour's candidate is Mrs Sally Thomas, a teacher, aged 37.

The Conservatives plan to send a team of Cabinet ministers to Portsmouth over the next fortnight to back their candidate Mr Patrick Lock, aged 33.







Mr Hancock (left), Mrs Thomas, and Mr Rock.

Mortgage help for claimants

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Some council and other tenants on supplementary benefit are being given cash assistance to buy homes on a mortgage.

Mr Richard Ottaway, Conservative MP for Nottingham North, has been told that benefit assistance can be used to cover interest payments, maintenance, insurance, repairs, improvements, and rates

His local Department of Health and Social Security office told him: "We have many claimants who have moved from rented accommodation into property being purchased on a mortgage (or who purchased the home they were previously renting) and we are meeting their mortgage commitments."

"Provided the new home is not excessively expensive and is suited to his needs, the claimant is entitled to an allowance for the mortgage interest payments."

That ruling has been confirmed by Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Social Security, who told Mr Ottaway: "Other help is also available, such as an allowance for the maintenance and insurance of the home and help on the interest payable on loans taken out for necessary repairs and improvement".

Police on trial over killing of IRA man

Three RUC officers went on trial in Belfast yesterday accused of murdering Eugene Toman, a member of the IRA.

Opening the case at the city's crown court, the prosecution claimed that the RUC men had no evidence of self-defence or had acted with reasonable force.

The men are: Sergeant William Montgomerty, aged 28; Constable David Brannigan, aged 35; and Constable Frederick Robinson. All three deny murdering Toman.

The court heard that Toman was shot dead in Craigavon, co Armagh, on November 11, 1982, with two other terrorists, Jervais McKerr and Sean Burns. More than 100 bullets were fired into their car after a police chase. However, the prosecution alleges that nine significant shots were fired into the vehicle by the constables after it had stopped.

Mr M'alachy Toman, the dead man's brother, later told the court that the trial was a farce and that the outcome "was already known".

Britain's historic buildings: 3

Commission of watchdogs, not lapdogs

A new quango, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, came into existence on April 1. JOHN YOUNG assesses its role in conserving the country houses of Britain.

The establishment of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission was more remarkable than was appreciated at the time. Overnight, former civil servants in the Department of the Environment found themselves on the other side of the fence, with an unfamiliar freedom to lobby, plead and criticize.

It was not simply a case of living off the upkeep of a collection of old buildings. The department was, and is, under orders to restrain public expenditure: *the commission* will be urging it to spend more.

The change became clear quickly. Any suspicions that the new body would be a lapdog rather than a watchdog were dispelled when its chairman, Lord Montagu, of Beaulieu, wrote to *The Times* denouncing the Government's plans to impose value-added tax on building alterations. He managed to get exemption for listed buildings.

Most of the buildings for which the commission is responsible are ancient monuments, castles and ruins. The royal palaces, the Tower of London, Hampton Court and Osborne House, remain in the department's keeping. The only true country house handed over to the commission is Audley End, Essex.

But its significance for other ownerships is that it is to Council is to theatre and music: it decides where the money goes.

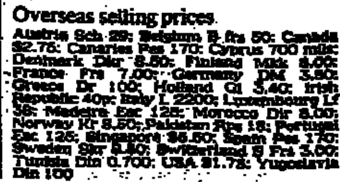
There is a feeling, both within the commission and outside, that too much of its £52m budget is going to privileged owners of large houses, who already enjoy handsome tax concessions. But country mansions are hugely expensive to maintain and if their owners cannot or will not meet the expense there are only two choices: to let the houses crumble or to acquire them for the public.

The second option may have to be exercised more in future. The most recent government acceptances in lieu of tax, Belton House and Calke Abbey, were both handed over, with endowments, to the National Trust. But Lord Montagu has hinted that things may be a little different in future.

"Up until now the trust has been the last resort", he points out, "and it in turn has had to turn to the Government to get it out of the jam." But the commission is now an additional longstop.

The trust is not convinced. It sees the English Heritage scheme, which offers admission to all commission properties, plus the royal palaces, for £8 a year, as commercial competition, and fears that the commission will try to "poach" its members.

Concluded



Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 58; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.40; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Church urges law change to allow a step-child and step-parent to marry

By Clifford Longley, Religous Affairs Correspondent

The law should be changed to allow a person to marry an in-law or step-parent, according to a majority report from a commission set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

The commission was divided about allowing marriage within step-relationships. The majority favoured it in all cases, although they suggested a minimum age of 21 when the younger person had lived as a member of the same family as the step-parent.

However, the minority group on the commission thought that such marriages, where both lived in the same family, should still be prohibited.

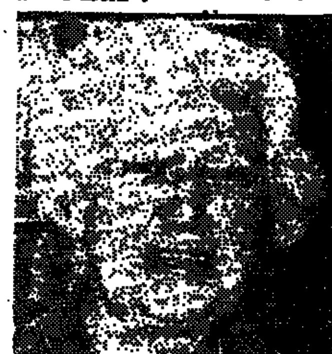
They argued: "By ruling out the possibility that step-parent and step-child could ever marry the existing impediment reduces the temptation for them to see each other as likely sexual partners (which implies, of course, the child's seeing his or her natural parent as a sexual rival for the affection of the step-parent."

The minority also upheld the continuance of the legal ban on parent-in-law marriages, but not where grand-parents in law were concerned.

However, both groups agreed, that step-child/step-parent marriages should be allowed if the two had never lived together in the same family, the majority recommended the abolition of the complex list of affinity relationships, within which marriage is illegal, given in the Marriage Act, 1949.

The commission also agreed that the clergy of the Church of England should be entitled, for reasons of conscience, to refuse to marry couples with an affinity relationship. That would be analogous to their right to refuse to marry divorced couples.

The commission concluded that certain restrictions ought to be placed on step-child/step-parent marriages because of the "risk to the integrity of the household". It notes, however, that: "We think that marriage between in-laws would in practice be rare... and that most people might still prefer to avoid them".



Lady Seear: "Marriage is a natural liberty".

The commission was chaired by Lady Seear, who said yesterday that it had adopted the approach that "marriage is not a right conferred by statute, but a natural liberty". It had tried to remove restrictions as far as possible.

The commission was not concerned with the law of incest, nor with Scottish or Northern Ireland law, although it did recommend a uniform standard throughout the United Kingdom. In Scotland some relationships are regarded as legally incestuous which would be considered affinity cases in English law.

Dr Runcie set up the commission when the Lords was considering a private member's Bill to change the law on affinity, to give detailed consideration to the issues, and the Bill was withdrawn accordingly. In three recent cases couples related by affinity have gained freedom to marry by promoting private Bills in Parliament, which the commission said was an expensive procedure.

None of the proposed changes affect couples with a blood-relationship (consanguinuity), and in none of the affinity relationships is sexual intercourse outside marriage a criminal offence.

No Just Cause (CIO Publishing, Church House, Westminster, London SW1. £5.50).

Reaching for the sky: Competitors in the British Free-Flight Model Championships launching their craft at RAF Barkston Heath, Lincolnshire. The rubber-powered class was won by John O'Donnell, from Whitefield, Greater Manchester; Stafford Screen, from Birmingham, won the engine-powered category, and Colin Shepherd, from Birmingham, the glider class. The three-day event ended on Monday. (Photographs: John Manning).

Morecambe funeral will be private

The funeral of Eric Morecambe, the comedian, will be held on Monday at St Nicholas Church, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, a mile from where he lived.

The ceremony, and the cremation service afterwards, will be strictly private, his family said yesterday. However, arrangements are being made to relay the church service by loudspeaker to hundreds of people who are expected to gather outside to pay their last respects.

Ernie Wise, Mr Morecambe's showbusiness partner, said he was preparing a "dignified and reverent eulogy" for the funeral.

Morecambe, the seaside town from which the comedian took his name, was considering its own tribute.

Mr Bill Mashiter, Mayor of Lancaster, which includes Morecambe, had sent the town's expressions of sympathy to Mrs Joan Morecambe. A civic tribute could follow.

Mr Bill Pearson, town clerk, said: "The council will give deep consideration as to how to remember one of the favourite sons of Morecambe."

Burnt straw aid to pepper crop

A smallholder has grown a crop of green peppers after keeping the plants warm duuring the winter by burning waste straw. Mr Neil Hopkinson installed a Danish-built straw burning unit on his smallholding at Crowland Common, near Peterborough, Cambridgedhire, at a cost of £80,000.

During the winter he burned 350 tons of straw which have the heat equivalent of 30,000 gallons of heating oil worth £20,000.

Lord Howe dies aged 75

Lord Howe, the Conservative peer and campaigner for higher speed limits who once boasted that he had six speeding convictions, died today, aged 75, at his Buckingham home.

Vice-chairman of the Royal Automobile Club and president of the Institute of Road Safety Officers, Lord Howe was a former racing driver who claimed to be one of the first motorists to have broken the 30mph speed limit.

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Larkin favourite

William Hill, the bookmaker is offering odds on who will be appointed the next Poet Laureate. Phillip Larkin is 7-4 favourite, with Ted Hughes at 5-1, Roy Fuller 6-1, D. J. Enright 7-1, Stephen Spender 8-1, Gavin Ewart 10-1, and Robert Graves 16-1.

Intruder fined

Christopher Yeo, aged 30, of Croydon, South London, was convicted by Bow Street magistrates yesterday of causing £5 of damage to a police van in February after he was arrested trying to enter a reception attended by the Prince of Wales. He was conditionally discharged for a year.

Cygnets saved

The draining of the lake at Radley College in Oxfordshire for restocking with trout was halted yesterday after protests that cygnets there would die for lack of water. The work will continue when the cygnets are older.

Snake plague

Environmental health officers have been called in to combat a plague of adders on a housing estate at Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

Unplanned pregnancies study opens

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Britain's main contraceptive manufacturers are funding a study with the Health Education Council and the Family Planning Association to identify two million women who are at risk of unplanned pregnancies.

The association estimates there are about 200,000 unplanned pregnancies in Britain every year among two million women who are sexually active but do not practise reliable birth control. About 130,000 of the pregnancies end in abortion.

Figures from the association and the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys suggest that about 11.5 million women in Britain are in the fertile age range.

About six million use reliable contraception, such as the pill, the sheath, an intra-uterine device, or the cap. Another 3.5 million are either not sexually active, sub-fertile, are trying to conceive or are pregnant.

That leaves about two million at risk of unintended pregnancies.

The association's spokesman said: "We want to try to identify what groups these women are in, why they do not use family planning services from clinics or family doctors, and what kind of advice they need.

Estimates of sexually active women and contraception in UK, 1981

		millions
Women in fertile age range		11.5
Using reliable contraception		6.0
		5.5
Less	(millions)	
Not sexually active	0.5	
Sub-fertile	0.7	
Trying to conceive or pregnant	0.6	
One partner sterilized	1.7	
	3.5	3.5
Estimated sexually active but not using reliable birth control		2.0

Source: Family Planning Association

Hospitals planning extended holidays

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Cash-starved National Health Service hospitals in the London area are planning to introduce holiday breaks in August or to extend their Christmas breaks in an attempt to stay within budget.

Whipps Cross Hospital in east London is to close four of its thirty-six wards for a fortnight in August, deferring about two hundred non-urgent operations and two thousand outpatient appointments in an attempt to save £50,000.

Oldchurch Hospital, in Romford, Essex, is considering a similar move, but is more likely to opt for an extended two-week Christmas break, with routine outpatient appointments cancelled. King's College Hospital, in south London, has considered a two-week break in August to try to save about £30,000, but is likely instead to extend its Christmas closure to non-emergency cases.

The hospitals argue that the closure to non-emergency cases during holiday periods when people are often reluctant to go into hospital is a sensible use of resources.

Mr Steve Ramsden, deputy administrator of Oldchurch Hospital, which overspent by about £250,000 last year, said: "It makes good sense not to have four or five wards with twenty empty beds in them, but to close, say, three of them and have two wards fully occupied".

Family doctors, however, are worried. Dr Arnold Elliott, treasurer of the Redbridge and Waltham Forest local medical committee, said: "This will put all the waiting lists for routine stuff back fantastically. We are not dealing with industry where everything can stop for a fortnight, but with people's medical problems".

Tight security as bomb charge hearing begins

A big security operation was launched in London yesterday when committal proceedings began against two Ulstermen charged in connexion with a series of bombings in the capital in 1981.

Armed police were on duty in and around Lambeth Magistrates' Court as Mr Paul Kavanagh and Mr Thomas Quigley, both aged 28, arrived separately in armoured prison vans escorted by patrol cars.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted

Mr Kavanagh, unemployed, of no fixed address, and Mr Quigley, unemployed, of Glenalena Road, Belfast, both face ten charges. They are:

Conspiring with others to cause explosions between August 7, 1981, and November 13, 1981;
The murder of Mrs Nora Field, aged 59, who died when a nail bomb exploded outside Chelsea Barracks, Ebury Bridge Road, on October 10, 1981;
The murder of Mr John Breslin on October 13, 1981;
The murder of Mr Kenneth Howarth, a bomb disposal expert, aged 49 from Bracknell, Berkshire, on October 26, 1981, at a Wimpy Bar in Oxford Street;
The attempted murder of Sir Stevart Pringle, Commandant-General of the Royal Marines in a car bomb explosion outside his home in Dulwich, on October 17, 1981;
Causing an explosion on October 10, 1981, at Ebury Bridge Road;
Causing an explosion on October 17, 1981, outside Sir Stevart Pringle's home;
Causing an explosion on October 26, 1981, at the Oxford Street Wimpy Bar;
Unlawfully and maliciously placing a device with intent to cause an explosion on October 26, 1981, at Debenham's store in Oxford Street;
Causing an explosion on November 13, 1981, at the home of the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, in Woodhayes Road, Wimbledon.

The hearing was adjourned until today

Seafront railing death hunt

By Tony Samstag

Kent police were questioning children aged 10 to 12 yesterday about the death by electric shock of a youth in Margate on Monday.

Michael Wellard, aged 16, of Bexley, Kent, died instantly when he touched a seafront railing that had been wired to the mains. Two policemen who were examining a junction box near by which had been vandalized tried to revive him with the kiss of life and heart massage.

The junction box, one of many along the seafront, is a brick-built cabinet housing a fusebox and meter and owned by Thanet District Council. Originally built to supply a beach café, it is now connected to a ticket machine at the Sunken Gardens car park off the Royal Esplanade at West brook.



Michael Wellard: Killed instantly.

Such installations are normally secured with a sturdy padlock; but last Friday the South Eastern Electricity Board was called to replace the padlock and hasp, which had been vandalized.

At the weekend, vandals had again used "determination and force" against the new lock, an electricity board official said yesterday, and had been lucky not to be killed themselves by the 240-volt current. The incident, the board says, could not have been accidental.

The police said their investigations were likely to continue for some time and early developments were unlikely. Whether the tragedy raised any questions of general security on electrical installations was for the inquest to decide.

The victim's parents, Mr and Mrs William Wellard, of Iris Avenue, Bexley, said yesterday that their son had left school in Bexleyheath a few weeks ago and found a job as a barrister's junior clerk in the City. Teachers described him as "bright and industrious".

Britain's low air fares policy threatened by Dutch refusal

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Britain's new cheap fares policy for Europe appeared to crash on take-off yesterday when the Dutch Government refused permission for a range of cheap fares between London and Amsterdam.

The immediate casualties are £49 returns, compared wiht £78 now, due to be introduced by British Airways, KLM, British Caledonian, and Air UK in July, together with a proposed £20 fare to Maastricht by Britain's new Virgin Atlantic airline.

In the longer term the Dutch decision – which Dutch government officials refused to confirm last night but which is regarded by British sources as firm – is highly embarrassing to the British Government.

Britain had hoped to use a relatively liberal Dutch regime as a kind of Trojan Horse to bring about cheaper fares to Europe generally.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Britain's secretary of State for Transport, who introduced the policy with a flourish at the Council of Ministers earlier this month, is to fly out for urgent talks with the Dutch next week in an effort to bring them back into line.

British Airways said last night: "We are extremely disappointed. This illustrates the serious problems we encounter even from a liberal-minded government when trying to introduce reduced fares. British Airways will continue its efforts to bring in lower fares, whatever the difficulties."

British Caledonian said: "The situation is by no means clear but does not look hopeful. We hope to have clarification tomorrow".

The Dutch are regarded as Europe's most liberal aviation state after Britain. Mr Ridley's hope was that a new liberal regime between Britain and The Netherlands would pave the way for cheaper fares and freer competition with harder-line states such as France, West Germany, and Italy, whose main preoccupation are seen by Britain as keeping their state sirlines aloft rather than serving the customer.

Dutch refusal, therefore, suggests a serious miscalculation in the British plan or some new factor.

Many British passengers already fly cheaply to Amsterdam with under-the-counter tickets to take advantage of cheap long-haul flights from Schiphol, which in many cases are 30 per cent below those charged from Heathrow.

British Rail is extending its cheap InterCity Saver fares to Europe, with cuts of up to half in returns to various European cities.

For stays no longer than five days the London to Paris return is £33 (second class period return £58), to Brussels £32 (£48); to Cologne £42 (£65); to Lyons £67.70 (£92.70), and to Lausanne £72.50 (£100.90).

Most shoplifters young and male, study shows

By Kenneth Gosling

The popular stereotype of the shoplifter as a mentally unbalanced middle-aged or elderly woman is not confirmed by the statistics. As with most other crime, the known offender is typically young and male, according to a briefing paper published by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

Ms Vivien Stern, the association's director, says shops have a moral obligation to take reasonable steps to deter the professional shoplifter, discourage the impulsive thief, and protect the absent-minded shopper.

"The extent to which shops take steps to prevent theft varies greatly and the desire to make goods accessible and attractive to customers can outweigh the need for security measures to reduce shoplifting" she says.

Rigid policies, she adds, fail to distinguish the deliberate shoplifter from the confused shopper. In some cases all that may be needed is an official or informal police caution. Guidelines covering cautioning for minor offences were published two mothths ago.

SHOPLIFTING IN ENGLAND AND WALES

	Recorded offences	Yearly rise (%)
1972	126,844	
1973	130,161	2.6
1974	164,063	26.0
1975	175,552	7.0
1976	180,993	3.1
1977	217,276	20.0
1978	203,643	(6.3)
1979	203,122	(*)
1980	206,175	1.5
1981	225,342	9.3
1982	242,304	7.5

*Denotes an insignificant amount.

Source: Nacro.

The association's paper makes several points about the nature of shoplifting offences, based on 1982 figures.

Most cases involved goods worth less than £25 and in half the value was less than £5; magistrates dealt with 95 per cent of cases and more than half the cases were dealt with by fines, most below £30. More men (76,893) than women (56,904) were dealt with by the police and more than half were under 21.

Radio prize for David Jacobs

David Jacobs, until earlier this year a presenter of the BBC's *Any Questions?* yesterday received the Sony gold award for outstanding contributions to radio over the years.

Mr Jacobs, who also hosts *Melodies for You* and television's *Come Dancing*, was presented with the award, known as Britain's "Radio Oscar", by Princess Margaret in London.

Radio 4 won seven of the awards. Radio 3 received most of the awards in the drama categories. Piccadilly Radio, the Manchester-based station, headed the independent radio table with three awards.

Other awards were: Best actress: Maureen O'Brien, for *The Duchess's Diary* and *A Month in the Country* (Radio 3); best actor: Clive Merrison, for *Luther* (Radio 3); male personality of the year: Brian Matthew (Radio 2); female personality of the year: Margaret Howard (Radio 4); Radio reporter of the year: Gerald Butt (BBC Radio); best magazine programme: *The Food Programme* (Radio 4).

'Grave doubts' in Flockton Grey case

The Flockton Grey case remains a mystery and there are still grave doubts about which horse won the race at the centre of the swindle allegation, Mr George Carman, QC, for the defence, said in his final speech at York Crown Court yesterday.

Kenneth Richardson, the racehorse owner, and two other men are said to have entered and won with, a three-year-old called Good Hand in a two-year-old, race at Leicester in the guise of a two-year-old falsely named Flockton Grey.

Mr Richardson, aged 46 and his racing manager, Colin Mathison, aged 46, are alleged to have masterminded the switch to benefit from betting coup.

Mr Carman said three veterinary experts' evidence suggested the horse which won by 20 lengths was not the "ringer", Good Hand.

Four markings given on Good Hand's indentification documents were missing on the winner but were on the horse discovered later in a field at Glaisdale, North Yorkshire, he said.

"There is no evidence of any disguise", Mr Carman said.

He described Mr Stephen Wiles, Flockton Grey's registered trainer, and his wife as "proven self-confessed liars". Mr Wiles had said he was duped into running the horse, which he had not himself trained, in order to have a winner.

Mr Richardson, of Hutton, near Driffield, Humberside, Mr Mahison, of Driffield, and a horsebox driver, Peter Boddy, also of Driffield, deny conspiracy to defraud and conspiracy to obtain property by deception.

The trial continues today.

'Sales grow for home computers'

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

Britain's home computer market is still growing, according to the top microcomputer supplier and high street retailer, despite the reports from the United States that sales are declining.

W. H. Smith has reported no important change in the market, which was worth £28m last year to the retail group, up from £15m the previous year. Sinclair, the leading supplier of low-cost home computers is on target, selling about 40,000 to 50,000 of its Spectrum model a month.

Last year British Home Computer sales were expected to reach about one million, but totalled a surprising 1.4 million. The prediction for this year is more than 1.5 million.

Maufacturers have been surprised at the decline of the United States market and only half of its £2,000m sales forecast for this year may be realized if the poor sales of the past four months continue.

Acorn, with its BBC Microcomputer and its own machine, the Electron, and Sinclair, with its Spectrum and Commodore, are among the leading manufacturers who have heavily marketed the educational value of their home computers.

Dismissal 'was cheapest solution'

Mr Robin Knox-Johnston, the round the world yachtsman, told an industrial tribunal in Glasgow yesterday that he felt he had been dismissed from a marina firm, Troon Marina Ltd, because it was the cheapest solution to the company's financial problems.

He told the continued hearing he thought he was doing a competent job as Managing Director. He was removed from his directorship last November

The tribunal heard that the company had got into severe financial trouble in 1983 and that it was felt that Mr Knox-Johnston had too many outside commitments

The tribunal will give its written decision later.

Nissan launches fleet war flagship

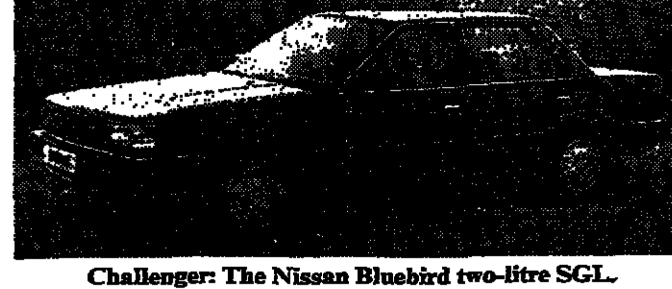
By Clifford Webb
Motoring Correspondent

Nissan, manufacturer of the best selling range of Japanese cars in Britain, is joining the battle for the huge fleet market with a new challenger for the Ford Sierra, Vauxhall Cavalier, and Austin Montego.

The front-wheel drive Nissan Bluebird which goes on sale today offers eight versions with a choice of traditional saloons, five-door estates, and 1.8 litre, 1.8 turbo, and 2-litre engines.

The switch from rear-wheel drive with the engine mounted transversely makes this the roomiest Bluebird yet. At £6,094, the 1.8 DX base model is also cheaper than its predecessor.

More expensive versions also undercut equivalent models in competitors' ranges.



Challenger: The Nissan Bluebird two-litre SGL.

The 2-litre GL costs £6,494 compared with £7,195 for the Montego 2-litre HL and £7,451 for the Sierra 2-litre GL.

Nissan is preparing the ground for 1986 when it starts selling cars assembled in Britain. It is recruiting fleet car salesmen and building up a fleet department

Another Japanese manufacturer is cashing in on the growing demand for cars which can double as mini-buses, delivery vans, and estates.

The Mitsubishi Space Wagon, which goes on sale in Britain today, costs £7,750. It will accommodate seven adults in three rows of seats which can be folded away.

Reagan woos the Irish

Ballyporeen's presidential ballyhoo

BÉAL ÁTHA POIRÍN
BALLYPOREEN

From Richard Ford
Ballyporeen, co Tipperary

The smell is of paint and the ound is of hammering and ulldozers while a village is ransformed to greet its most amous native son, President eagan.

By no stretch of the imagin- tion an attractive village, allyporeen, the Town of the ittle Potatoes, has been thrust to the late twentieth century just four months.

Four new automatic public elephones have been installed, ublic lavatories built, litter ins put out and roads and avements resurfaced.

Every house in the village opulation, 350) has been ainted, along with the school nd parochial hall, derelict sites ave been cleared and the aveyard has been trimmed – l because Ronald and Nancy eagan will spend three hours ere next Sunday receiving a housand Irish welcomes".

The ballyhoo surrounding allyporeen has also brought its sadvantages. Coachloads of urists who missed the place avelling from Dublin to Cork ow pass along its main street nd day trippers bring conges- on and parking problems.

The memorabilia industry is ourishing, entrepreneurs have arted two new cafés and a van lling hot dogs, and enterpris- g villagers are offering chips ade from Irish spuds, and bed d breakfast.

At The White House a former r salesman, Mr Peter Callag- in, is laughing – probably all e way to the bank. He has ken a four-month lease at £80 month, to open premises fering "Smoked Salmon at e White House".

He said: "With my mark-up I nnot go wrong. Business is oing very well. After all, there nothing else to do at allyporeen."

The Little Potato Kitchen fers home-made fare in a om with open hearth kettle d grandfather clock, although few doors away there is a ene the Reagans and the urists will never view. A one- om cottage, with a stone floor, running water, an open arth and grimy walls, is home r an elderly man.

In the Ronald Reagan unge interviews with the ner, Mr John O'Farrell, are appointment only. He has come busy upstairs in the gift op and the price of a tiny stic bag of mud from the ld where the President's cestors lived has risen from p to 50p.

There are more extrava- nt souvenirs for those wishing to be reminded of the visit and to know that the President's great-grandfather, Michael Regan, emigrated from the village to London and on to the United States during the potato famine.

Ties, T-shirts, bags, key rings at £1, a commemorative plaque at £5.50 or a bust at £5 are on sale in the village's few shops.

Lorries with extra liquid refreshment have been arriving in preparation for a wild hooley now that a district justice has allowed 35 publicans within a 15-mile radius to open from 9.30am to 1am each day from tomorrow until Tuesday.

During the President's visit itself the village bars must close as his security advisers fear cans and bottles could be used as missiles.

The President is expected to enter his "very own saloon", the Ronald Reagan Lounge. After his food taster has sampled the fare the President is expected to have a meal of ham and cabbage and meet the latest addition to the O'Farrell family, a baby daughter, Catherine Nancy.

He will meet the parish priest and attend a prayer service before inspecting the parish record showing that his great grandfather was baptised a year after the church was built.

However, the Reagan's visit is also attracting protests from academics and Roman Catholic clergy, and at least 20 senators and deputies will boycott the President's address to both houses of the Irish Parliament.

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Easy does it: The pace of life has not changed for some inhabitants of Ballyporeen.

Visit is part of re-election campaign

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

When President Reagan arrives in Ireland on Friday his thoughts will be more firmly focused on the 43 million men and women of Irish descent living in the United States than on the 3.5 million inhabitants of the Irish Republic.

His three-day visit to the land of his forefathers is an integral part of his re-election campaign. The incessant flow of shots of Mr Reagan's tour around the Emerald Isle that will dominate American television screens is intended to woo one of the largest American voting groups to Mr Reagan's side in the November presidential election.

Many Irish-Americans live in such traditionally Democratic enclaves as New York and Massachusetts. However, the largest group, about 10 million, live in the President's home state, California.

Mr Reagan is the third American President to attempt to make political capital by visiting Ireland. President Kennedy went there in 1963 to mark his triumph as the first Roman Catholic to be elected US President.

President Nixon, whose Irish roots were questionable, paid a visit during the 1970 campaign. He was the first presidential candidate to use a visit to Ireland to win the support of Irish-American voters.

No one questions Mr Reagan's Irish antecedents. His great-grandfather, Michael, was born in Ballyporeen, in co Tipperary in 1829 and later emigrated to the US. A visit to Ballyporeen will be the high-point of Mr Reagan's visit.

The president will also receive an honorary degree at the National University of Ireland in Galway, address the two Houses of the Irish Parliament and hold talks with Dr Garret Fitzgerald, the Irish Prime Minister.

Reagan campaign aides see the president's trip as a magnificent public relations opportunity to portray him as a world statesman and man of the people.

What they fear, however, is that anti-Reagan demonstrators could transform what is intended to be a serene homecoming into anugly brawl.

Sandinistas say rebels routed

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

The Sandanista Army says it is defeating the biggest offensive to date by US-backed rebels in northern and central Nicaragua after two-and-a-half months of intense fighting.

Rebel forces numbering between 5,000 and 8,000, which infiltrated Nueva Segovia, Jinotega and Matagalpa provinces in early March, have suffered heavy casualties and are now retreating towards Honduras, according to Commander Julio Ramos, head of military intelligence.

He put rebel losses since the offensive began at more than 900 while army losses, according to other sources, may have been about 600 killed or wounded.

Senior Army officers said the rebels were under orders to hold out deep inside Nicaragua, despite the terrible losses suffered by some of their units. Zone Commander Javier Carrión, said: "They have lately opted to avoid combat. They hide and sleep during the day and flee by night."

Reports in the official Sandinista press say at least 13 state farming cooperatives have been attacked and burnt in the past weeks by retreating rebels, known as Contras, who have killed more than 60 civilians.

Commander Ramos said rebels of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force entered the country in columns which split into seven regional commando units, each comprising between 250 and 500 men. Some penetrated as far as 80 miles, breaking through minefields laid by the Sandinista Army in the border area with the help of US-supplied aerial detection methods and specialised trained sappers, who sometimes cleared the way by driving cattle through the minefields, he said.

Army officers in the combat zones said that, in a departure from previous defence tactics, they did not try to expel the guerrillas back across the Honduran frontier but allowed them to a point where retreat would be more difficult.

One rebel unit of about 800 men under one of the most expeienced rebel commanders,

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codenamed "Mike Lima", was engaged in some of the fiercest fighting, Commander Carrion said 300 of "Lima's" men were killed and 200 wounded or captured. Another unit of some 1,000 men under a commander codenamed "Sureliano" had been badly mauled elsewhere in Jinotega with the loss of about half its forces.

But, according to a high-ranking Sandinista official, one big Contra group has established itself successfully in an uninhabited sector of northern Jinotega where it acts as a rearguard for retreating units while continuing to launch hit-and-run attacks on towns and state farms.

Commander Ramos said logistical support was being provided to the Contras by small aircraft.

Latest reports say the Sandinista Army has moved heavy artillery up to northern Jinotega in an effort to dislodge the entrenched rebel group.

● TEGUCIGALPA: For the first time, Salvadorean soldiers have joined US and Honduran troops in manoeuvres that Washington hopes will discourage Nicaragua's close military relations with Cuba and the Soviet Union (AP reports).

A contingent of 1,300 troops from El Salvador were flown on Monday to exercise sites in Cucuyagua, about 25 miles from the Salvadorean border, and Jamastrán, about 20 miles from the Nicaraguan border, according to military sources. Also participating are 1,300 Honduran troops and 1,000 US troops.

Figueiredo presses for electoral compromise

From Patrick Knight
São Paulo

A month after the Brazilian Government headed off an opposition proposal for the next President to be elected by direct suffrage, it is still unclear what procedure will be used and who the new President might be.

The next move will be a vote in Congress, probably in July, on an amendment to the constitution put forward by President Figueiredo as substitute for a direct vote this year. This proposes direct elections in 1988, a reduction in the term of office from six to four years, and the return to Congress of some lost prerogatives. It also requires a two-thirds majority, which is not certain to be achieved.

resident Figueiredo, who returns later this week from state visits to Japan and China, has threatened to withdraw his amendment if the opposition keeps insisting on a direct vote this time around.

Another possibility is that the President, who has recently been given a clean bill of health from a São Paulo heart hospital, may try to break the deadlock by continuing in office himself for two more years, paving the way for a direct election in 1986. This idea is strongly opposed by the two candidates from the ruling Social Democratic Party (PDS), Senhor Paulo Maluf and Senhor Mario Andreazza, who also have every reason to sabotage the Figueiredo amendment and try to keep things as they are.

The opposition is trying hard to reach agreement over a name acceptable to all tendencies, as well as some groups within the Government. Most favoured is the Governor of the state of Minas Gerais, Senhor Tancredo Neves, who is a consummate politician, if not such a good administrator. At the age of 72, he might not have enough energy and authority to get Brazil through its present difficulties.

Should President Figueiredo stay on, presumably the present economic team would remain to see the present stage of economic adjustment through. But it is difficult to tell whether public opinion, ostensibly mobilized for *"diretas ja"*, really wants "change now" and would accept that continuity.

Although the High Command are hailing it as a famous victory, they suffered a bad blow in an election within the key military club. A Nationalist candidate, General Andrada Serpa, standing on a ticket of anti-corruption, a very sensitive topic for the military, won 40 per cent of the votes cast.

The High Command had used every possible means to defeat General Serpa and had not expected him to win more than a third of the vote. The result gives the military-led Government a warning that even among its own ranks support is weakening.

Another imponderable is how the Electoral College, due to meet in January next year to actually choose the President, will behave. The recent Congress vote demonstrated that there is an important new grouping within the PDS, the so-called *"pro diretas"* lobby with about 60 members, which cannot be relied on to vote for a Government party candidate.

The group comprises young politicians elected to Brasilia for the first time in 1982 with a mandate to seek change. They are very concerned not to become too closely identified with this Government.

President Figueiredo: May try to stay on

Mexico moves refugees on

From Bruno Lopez, Las Delicias, Mexico

Some 46,000 Guatemalan refugees living in Mexico have been ordered by Mexico Government into a new, long exodus that will take them farther away from their country.

The decision was announced after 200 men dressed in Guatemalan Army fatigues crossed three miles into Mexico and stormed the El Chupadero refugee camp, witnesses said.

Speaking in a mixture of Spanish and Mam (a Mayan language) one of the refugees, Señor Pedro Pascual, described the April 30 incident. "The armies first wounded a friend in edge of camp, and then armies went into the camp and killed three more." By the end of a five-hour occupation of the camp, a total of six Guatemalans, men, women and children, were dead, and six more injured.

Señor Pascual said he and the rest of the 3,000 Guatemalans living at El Chupadero ran for 30 minutes until they reached the town of Las Delicias, 10 miles from the border and 466 miles south-east of Mexico City.

"They even took life of a pregnant mother and shot her many, many times", Señor Tomas Mancera Francisco, another of the refugees, recalled. Interviewed by *The Times* in Las Delicias where the refugees have built a temporary camp with the aid of the Mexican Government, Señor Mancera Francisco, aged 48, remembered sadly how an 11-year-old boy was found castrated and beheaded.

According to church groups operating in southern Mexico, this was the sixty-eighth armed incursion into Mexico from Guatemala. A total of 13 refugees and two Mexican peasants have been killed during the past two years.

The Guatemalan Government blamed the latest attack on leftist rebels, but the Mexican Government on May 14 issued a harsh communiqué saying investigations "have not rendered proof" of Guatemala's version.

A Mexican Interior Ministry official told *The Times* in Mexico City that Government and international relief workers will start to move the refugees on June 10, before heavy seasonal rains isolate the 90 camps along the 650-mile border in the Mexican state of Chiapas.

The official said the refugees will be relocated during the next seven months in the Edzna valley, a sparsely populated tropical savannah along the Gulf of Mexico. "They will finally be safe from armed incursions. One hundred miles of jungle will separate them from the border", the officials said.

Exodus is nothing new to the refugees. Thousands of Guatemalans have been on the move since late 1981, when the first refugee camp was founded in the Chiapas by Indians fleeing what Amnesty International called a series of "large-scale massacres of peasants" during an Army counter-insurgency operation.



Soldier's tears: A French war veteran weeps during a VE Day ceremony at Villers Bocage in Normandy.

Salvador peace talks in July

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

Peace talks between the El Salvador Government and guerrilla leaders are expected in Costa Rica early in July, according to remarks made by president Luis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica and a member of his cabinet, which were published here yesterday.

The Costa Rican president confirmed his role as a mediator in the El Salvador conflict, soon after his arrival in Madrid on Monday for the start of an 11-country European tour seeking support and understanding for Costa Rica's neutrality.

Señor Monge said he was working "to establish a dialogue" between President José Napoleón Duarate of El Salvador and the guerrilla organizations in that country.

Señor Armando Vargas, Costa Rica's Minister of Information, who is accompanying President Monge, explained that both sides have agreed to meet, probably in San José, capital of Costa Rica, early in July after President Monge's return from Europe.

European elections

Minister tells of partners' sneers

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, disclosed yesterday that ernment negotiations on the C had been undermined by tner's "sneers" about British ermination to remain in the mmunity.

His statement, designed to phasize a claim that Labour uld encounter grater diffi- ties, could well embarrass nservative ministers during campaign for the European sembly elections on June 14. t implies that Mrs Margaret atcher's approach to nego- ions may have been counter- ductive, provoking sus- ion about British intentions.

Mr King told a European tion press conference that tish ministers had had a oblem of carrying convic- " in negotiations. He said: have done five years in ferent councils of ministers of one sort and another, and some of these negotiations are very tough indeed. People are fighting their corners very hard.

"The thing that has undermined us so often is the sort of implication, the sort of sneer: 'We are not even sure that you want to stay in'.

"Now if that has been a problem for the Conservative ministers, absolutely committed to Europe as we have been, and having achieved our original accession and carried it through, the idea that one of the other parties would carry conviction in any way at all in trying to negotiate ... the Labour Party would be a joke."

Mr King said that a strong Conservative voice was required in the European Parliament to bolster the effort of ministers negotiating in Brussels.

Mr John Gummer, the Conservative Party chairman, emphasized the point of Conservative conviction. He said: "We have enough difficulty in making sure our partners see we are committed to Europe in the Conservative Party. The Labour Party would find it totally impossible."

He said that Labour's 78 candidates had been asked by their Conservative opponents to sign a declaration of support for British membership.

From election literature, only six had been identified as committed supporters: Mr Gordon Adam, Northumbria; Mr Kenneth Collins, Strathclyde East; Mr Derek Enright, Kent East; Ms Carol Tongue, London East; Mr David Blackman, Midlands Central; and Mr Bryan Heading, Norfolk.

Mr Gummer said: "There is not much point in taking part in a European election for an institution you wish to undermine from within.

"What we have got to do is actually to make the terms of our membership more and more favourable to Britain.

Opposition's EEC dissenters

By David Cross

The Labour Party's decision to push for votes at next month's European elections has left dyed-in-the-wool anti-marketeers out on a limb.

With Labour's Common Market Safeguards Committee urging its members to vote on June 14, the only organization encouraging people to abstain is the British Anti-Common Market Campaign. From its headquarters in Fulham High Street in London and from its 15 branches around the country, its 2,000 to 3,000 members are telling voters that it is wrong to seek election to a parliament "to which we are utterly opposed and from which we seek to withdraw".

The organization, which also acts as an umbrella group for the members of the Anti-Market League, is trying to influence the electorate with what it describes as a Campaign for Truth.

"The facts are quite clear", one statement says. "despite much propaganda issued in the Euro-election campaign, membership of the Common Market has cost us jobs."

Another complains about some of the "inaccurate and misleading" information being put forward by pro-marketeers about new EEC investment in Britain. "Membership of the EEC has damaged both the extent and future prospects for Japanese and American direct investment in Britain", it says.

Mrs Margaret Coneybeare, administrator of the campaign, acknowledges that her organization is very much a voice in the wilderness. But she believes that its views reflect those of many voters.

Owen onslaught on 'fatalism'

By George Clark

David Owen, the Socialist mocratic Party leader, yester- criticized Mrs Margaret atcher and Mr Neil Kinnock their "overwhelming mood pessimism and fatalism out international cooper- on".

He was addressing a Euro- n election briefly given by Liberal/SDP Aliance.

Dr Owen particularly at- ked the Prime Minister for passivity he called it idity in the face of important elopments in Europe which uld affect future defence tegy and employment pros- ts.

No one, he said, should lerrate the importance of the tings taking place between sident Francois Mitterrand France and Chancellor mut Kohl of West Germany its significance for the ting of the foreign minister Nato in the United States.

Neither the Prime Minister Mr Kinnock seems to erstand the relevance of the positive proposals that are ing from our partners, ther they be in the Euro- n Community, or in the th Atlantic alliance," Dr en said.

It really is time that Britain an to set the pace, instead of

Chancellor Kohl (left) and President Mitterrand.

constantly reacting to the ideas and initiatives of others.

"The Franco-German entente is moving at a very rapid rate. It is no use people shrugging their shoulders and pretending that nothing is happening. We are now seeing a transformation of the basic politics of Europe."

Until recently, European cooperation had developed only on trade, economic policies and the overall coordination of foreign policy, Dr Owen said. But it was clear that France and West Germany had decided to combine together their defence security interests behind that decision, lay their proposal that the use of the Western European union should be developed.

Britain must become more enthusiastic about this relationship because the partnership, to be effective, must consist not just of France and West Germany, but also Britain.

"All the signs are the Foreign Office would like to move a lot faster on this question but the Government's reluctance to make any move at all means that we are being accused of being laggards in Europe"

At the Nato meeting, he said it would be necessary for Britain to explain what was to happen in 1986 when the United Kingdom would have an absolute decline in defence spending, on conventional arms, as was obvious from the £400m increase in the cost of Trident due to the fall in the value of the pound. How then was Nato to increase its conventional strength and put less reliance on nuclear weapons?

"It is no good ministers ignoring this," Dr Owen added. "It will be the first time that Britain and other European countries have backed off from the commitment to an annual increase of 3 per cent in defence spending in Nato."

This agreement actually runs out in 1985-86.

Dr Owen commended the European Parliament for calling for joint procurement of aircraft and weapons from European industries, in that way changing the present balance which was 10-1 in favour of equipment from the United States.

Plea for more Welsh seats

Plaid Cymru yesterday launched its campaign with a call for more Welsh seats to give the country a stronger voice in Brussels. The party complained that Wales has only four seats in the European Parliament compared with Ireland's 15 although both countries have similar populations.

Mr Daffydd Huys its candidate for South Wales, said: "It is no wonder that Wales suffers the disadvantages but enjoys few of the benefits of the EEC".

Massacre blamed on troops

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi

Uganda has confirmed that government soldiers were responsible for at least some of the 20 killings at an Anglican theological college and seminary at Namugongo, near Kampala, when armed men in uniform swept through the area last week after a guerrilla attack nearby.

The guerrilla group, which has not been identified, is said to have tried to destroy the ground satellite station which serves Uganda's telecommunications. According to local reports, two security guards were killed.

It appears that government troops then sacked the Namugongo area, setting fire to houses and stealing property as well as killing as many as 20 people.

The principal of the college, the Rev Eria Bazir, was among those killed. His body, with several others, was found in a shallow grave in a banana plantation.

Uganda radio yesterday broadcast a announcement that the Government had learnt with great regret of the loss of life at Namugongo, and that government troops who had carried out "lawless acts" would be arrested.

The radio said the guerrillas were also wearing army uniforms and could have been responsible for some of the deaths.

Ugandan troops are frequently accused of atrocities and of being undisciplined, but it is rare for the Government to admit they have killed civilians.

Indian bandit queen kills 15 in village raid

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

A new bandit queen, Kusuma Nain, who was reported to have gunned down 15 people at the village of Asta in the district of Etawah, Uttar Pradesh, on Saturday, is being sought by police. She has emerged a rival to the notorious bandit queen, Phoolan Devi of Chambal, who surrendered to the police last year.

Kusuma Nain, aged 23, who was once described by Phoolan Devi as "very pretty" is one of those rare women dacoits who took to banditry of her own accord. As an adolescent, Kusuma Nain, who comes from a village in Etawah, had the reputation of being "a wayward girl beyond reform".

She eloped with a man called Madho Singh, who was reported to have been arrested by the Delhi police, and she joined the Vikram Mallah gang in 1980.

Meanwhile, reports of the carnage at Asta indicate that there are only a few young men left in the village. Thirteen of them were shot by the bandits (and a woman and her son roasted alive), and those who survived fled and have not yet returned.

Women and children, who lost everything in the raid except the clothes they wore, were so shaken with terror that they have been unable to describe their ordeal to the police, who arrived late on the scene.

The killings are the result of caste rivalries, the evidence for which is that Thakur and Yadhav houses were not destroyed when other huts were burnt.

Pinochet sued over land

Santiago (Reuter) – A group of Chilean lawyers yesterday brought a law suit against President Augusto Pinochet alleging possible fraud and conflict of interest in the purchase of land for his private house.

The lawyers said they were also appealing against the decision of an appeals court judge who ruled last Friday that he did not have the constitutional authority to try the president.

The action against the right-wing president, and an aide-de-camp, concerns plots of land adjoining the president's house at El Melocoton, in a scenic gorge just outside Santiago.

The plots were bought by the state, on the president's decree, the sold to Colonel Ramon Castro, the aide-de-camp, at a fraction of their original cost. Colonel Castro in turn sold them to General Pinochet at a profit. The president recently donated the land to the Army for security reasons, saying that had been his intention all along.

The judge was appointed to investigate allegations – as opposed to the criminal suit brought yesterday – presented to the Supreme Court early this month by the lawyers.

The judge made no ruling on the merits of the case on Friday and said an ordinary criminal judge should investigate Colonel Castro's role as he had no constitutional immunity.



Step towards EEC integration

Mitterrand and Kohl decide at summit to abolish customs barriers

From Roger Beardwood, Paris

France and West Germany are to abolish customs formalities for people travelling between the two countries. The decision, made by President Mitterrand of France and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany at their latest regular meeting, underlines their determination to turn the European Community into a reality instead of a remote ideal.

Although M Mitterrand, a Socialist, and Herr Kohl, a conservative, are idealogically far apart, their two-day meeting at Rambouillet, west of Paris, took the two countries along converging paths.

Admittedly some of their agreements were more symbolic than anything else. The disappearence of customs barriers will not for example, speed goods traffic between France and West Germany, as it will still be subject to border inspections and delays.

But the two leaders' accord on a wide range of subjects coming as it does on the eve of the elections to the European Parliament, will strengthen the hands of candidates who argue that the European ideal can be realized, given political determination and goodwill. Obliquely, the French and West German emphasis on the Community's future is a criticism of what the two leaders see as Britain's lukewarm commitment.

Arguing that Europe must move rapidly towards true integration, M Mitterand said that the customs formalities betweeen France and West Germany would end "within a few weeks."

Herr Kohl said that "we shall advance as rapidly as possible down the road of European integration."

M Mitterand went out of his way to buttress the friendship between the two countries. He has invited West German representatvies to attend the fortieth anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy. In his view, "this will mark the fact that Germans also were the victims of the Normandy battles."

In September, M Mitterand and Herr Kohl will meet on the battlefield of Verdun to commemorate the death of German and Frecnh soldiers during the First World War.

While the two leaders were meeting in the Château of Rambouillet, their defence ministers, Herr Manfred Werner and M Charles Hernu, agreed that their countries should colaborate in the development of a new anti-tank helicopter and study the possibilities of launching a military observation satellite.

The two countries are to cooperate also in the development of satellite television, a mobile radio-telephone system, information technology, and anti-pollution measures.

Commenting of these and other cooperation agreements, Herr Kohl said they were "designed to take us down the road to European integration.

Gulf crisis goes to top of Nato agenda

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Foreign Ministers from 16 Nato countries opened their thirty-fifth anniversary meeting here yesterday amid growing concern about the Gulf conflict and the impact it could have on their oil supplies.

Although the Gulf is not within Nato's area of operations, and although the alliance itself will not play a direct role in keeping the oil shipping lanes open, the topic was expected to head the agenda of the informal talks that the Foreign Ministers were holding last night and today in a secluded Georgian mansion on the shores of Chesapeake Bay.

It was expected that the United States and other members of the alliance would announce moves this week to bolster the defences of Gulf countries. The Unites States is rushing 400 stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Saudi Arabia and is making two more air-refuelling tanker aircraft available to the Arab kingdom.

Britain and France, as well as the United States, have naval forces in the region. The three countries have been in close consultation to prepare contingency plans in case the Gulf is closed to international shipping.

The Gulf crisis was discussed at a dinner meeting which Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, held with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foregign Secretary, at the British Embassy on Monday night.

Dr Joseph Luns, the outgoing Nato Secretary-General, emphasized at a press conference that, although the Gulf conflict had serious implications for member states, Nato would not intervene.

He said he did "not applaud" the provision of arms by member states to either side in the Gulf war, a veiled reference to France, which has supplied Exocet missiles to Iraq.

The Nato conference, which marks the anniversary of the signing in Washington of the North Atlantic Treaty on April 4, 199, was formally opened at the State Department by Vice-President George Bush.

The ministers will also focus their attention on a new East-West study which will set the tone for Nato's relations with the Soviet block into the next decade.

Noting that it was the Warsaw Pact and not Nato that had left the negotiating table in Geneva at the end of last year, Dr Luns said the alliance remained determined to work for a lasting peace with the Soviet Union.

Another issue on the ministers' minds will be Dutch hesitation over the planned deployment of 48 cruise missiles in The Netherlands. If the Dutch decide against deployment, it is privately conceded that it could cause serious problems for the alliance as a whole.

Chernenko gives pledge to Greens

From Richard Owen Moscow

President Chernenko yesterday assured West Germans that, if Nato missiles were withdrawn from West German soil, Bonn would never be attacked by the Soviet Union.

Mr Chernenko was replying to a letter from Frau Petra Kelly, leader of the West German Greens. Tass said Frau Kelly had written asking what West Germany had to do to avoid becoming the target for Soviet nuclear or chemical weapons.

Addressing her as "Esteemed Madam Kelly", Mr Chernenko said West Germany would be "insured against a retalitory strike" provided it never became "a bridgehead for the preparation and perpetration of aggression against the Soviet Union and its allies."

Bonn could then be fully assured that nothing threatened it, the Soviet leader said. "He who turns others into a target inveitably becomes a target himself – there must be total clarity here."

Mr Chernenko reiterated Soviet disarmament proposals and declared that Russia was "resolutely against chemical weapons ever being used."

On Monday Mr Chernenko said at a Kremlin meeting that Soviet armed might needed to counteract an increasingly warlike Western world. He said diplomacy could "not accomplish everything"

Crocker ends secret mission

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Dr Chester Crocker, the American Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, was reported to have left for home via South Africa yesterday after talks in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, aimed at restarting negotiations on the future of Namibia (South-West Africa).

Lusaka was the venue for an inconclusive conference on Namibia earlier this month.

Meanwhile, the South African Broadcasting Corporation's Washington correspondent claimed in a news bulletin here that an important meeting on Namibia was to be held somewhere in Europe in the second week of June at which America would be represented. This information was attributed to unnamed US officials.

No confirmation of this report or comment on it could be obtained from American diplomatic sources in South Arfrica. There was also extreme secrecy here about Dr Crocker's movements and discussions. US Embassy officials said they were under instructions to give no information.

Dr Crocker was in Lusaka from last Friday to Monday and had talks with President Kenneth Kaunda and Mr Alexandre Rodgigues, the Angolan Interior Minister. A short communiqué said that Angola and America reaffirmed their continuing desire to "facilitate peaceful settlement in southern Africa.

President Kaunda told Dr Crocker that American insistence on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola was blocking progress towards Namibian independence. Dr Crocker replied that America did not want to bring "extraneous East-West questions into African situations" and was working for a future where there would be no need for foreign troops.

The Cuban issue was one of the factors which prevented agreement at the Lusaka conference at the beginning of the month in which Swapo, the guerrilla organization fighting for Namibia's independence, and a delegation of Namibian political parties, took part, with South Africa and Zambia acting as co-chairmen.

The Americans were not invited to the conference, mainly, it is thought, because of their insistence on a Cuban withdrawal. Although South Africa has hitherto supported, and still publicly supports, the American position, there is growing evidence that Pretoria might be prepared to grant independence to Namibia without a Cuban withdrawal if the terms were right.

Ideally, South Africa would like Swapo to be part of a "government of national unity" in Namibia along with local political parties, most of which are regarded as "puppets", by the guerrilla organization. Failing that, it appears that Pretoria would settle for a reduction of the supervisory role of the United Nations in a Namibia settlement. The UN is regarded here as implacably hostile to South Africa.

● BRUSSELS: Mr Herman Toivo ja Toivo, a Swapo leader, yesterday laid down strict conditions for the resumption of talks between his movement and South Africa on the independence of Namibia (Reuter reports).

"We are prepared to meet them. But they must first commit themselves to a cease-fire and to the implementation of Security Council Resolution 435", Mr Toivo told reporters here.

Mr Toivo, a founding member of Swapo, was released in March from South Africa's Robben Island prison after serving 16 years of a 20-year sentence.

Mr Toivo, the Swapo leader, setting out conditions for talks with Pretoria at a Brussels press conference.

Lisbon welcome: Mr Botha (right) and Dr Soares inspect a guard of honour on the South African Prime Minister's arrival at Lisbon airport.

Botha begins his European tour in Lisbon

Lisbon (AP) – Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, was officially welcomed to Portugal yesterday in the first stop on the most extensive foreign tour taken by a South African leader in 36 years.

Mr Botha, who hopes to lessen South Africa's international isolation, was met at Portela airport by Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister and a military honour guard. The two Prime Ministers planned to talk at Dr Soares's official residence before an evening banquet in Mr Botha's honour at a former royal palace in Sintra, near Lisbon.

They were expected to discuss progress on restarting operations at the Cahora Bassa dam in Mozambique. Portugal built and maintains a majority interest in the hydroelectric plant in its former colony, and South Africa receives 10 per cent of its electrical energy needs from the project.

Mr Botha was expected to thank the Portuguese for diplomatic support that led to a non-aggression accord between South Africa and Marxist-ruled Mozambique on March 16. "We will tell the world of the stability being created in the subcontinent," he said before leaving Johannesburg.

He is travelling with his Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. Botha. They are not related. Other stops include Switzerland, Britain, Belgium, West Germany, Austria, possibly Italy, and France, where President François Mitterrand has refused to meet Mr Botha.

● Visit defended: In answer to protests over the visit, Portuguese diplomatic sources were quoted as saying: "The Government cannot callously and irresponsibly forget the 600,000 Portuguese who live and work in South Africa." (Our Correspondent writes).

They added: "Portugal has always condemned the policy of apartheid, but it also notes the steps taken recently by South Africa to establish peace."

Portugal has played an active role in negotiations between its former territories and South Africa. It is anxious to see peace and stability in the region so that Europeans, Americans and Japanese will feel safe to invest there.

US envoy causes row in Ottawa

From John Best Ottawa

The US Ambassador to Canada, Mr Paul Robinson, has stirred some latent sensitivities here by suggesting that the next Canadian Government will tone down nationalistic policies that the Reagan Administration heartily dislikes.

Canada's External Affairs Minister, Mr Allan MacEachen, defended the outspoken ambassador against enreaged attacks by a few MPs in the House of Commons, arguing the Mr Robinson's remarks were "no big deal".

But later, outside the House, Mr MacEachen administered his own slap on the wrist, saying that it might be "questionable" whether an ambassador should get into the business of predicting what policies a future Canadian Prime Minister would follow.

Mr Robinson, who has frequently raised hackles here by criticizing Canada's defence effort, set off the latest upheaval when he told the Ottawa *Citizen* that the only practical choices as next Prime Minister of Canada were Mr Brian Mulroney, Mr John Turner and Mr Jean Chrètien.

Mr Mulroney is leader of the Progressive Conservative official Opposition, while Mr Turner and Mr Chrètien are front-runners for leadership of the Liberal Party.

A successor to Mr Pierre Trudeau as Liberal leader and Prime Minister is to be chosen at a convention here on June 16. A federal election is expected to follow this summer.

"Both Mulroney and Turner have an honest understanding of business and the realities of this world having to do with other things ever more important, like defence; and the future of our relationship cannot help but improve with either one of those men or with Jeam Chrètien," Mr Robinson was quoted as saying.

The words "business and the realities of this world" was an allusion to Canada's national energy programme and its foreign investment review programme, both of which have been severely criticized by the United States.

Kabul hit by food shortages

From Our Own Correspondent

Acute shortages of food, particularly sugar and meat, and fuel oils are afflicting the Afghanistan capial, Kabul, according to the official media there.

Newspapers have given prominence to a statement blaming the shortages on "highway robbery" by the *mujahidin* guerrillas, declaring that rebel activity is intefering with the supply of goods from the provinces.

The report details measures taken to control prices and prevent profiteering by shopkeepers. It discloses that 66 shop owners have been prosecuted for overcharging, during the first week of the present clamp down. The newspapers urge citizens to report cases of hoarding and speculating.

A main cause of the shortages, according to Western diplomats reporting in Delhi, has been the destruction of bridges on the highway north of Kabul to the border with the Soviet Union. Even when the bridges are repaired, the diplomats say, convoys are being subjected to increased *mujahidin* attacks.

Drivers have proved reluctant to face the journey because of the constant threat of attack, and the bonus of 10,000 afghanis (£60) for a one-way trip is soon to be doubled, the diplomats say.

Diplomats point out that, while inflation has been a constant feature of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the regime has been reluctant to acknowledge the ability of the resistance to interrupt supplies. The current admissions, the diplomats say, "suggest the situation had deteriorated, and that unable to ignore the issue, the regime is trying to use it to turn the people against the resistance".

They also say that while it is generally stated that the Russians have been content to hold the big cities of the country and to keep the roads open between them, "they are having greater difficulty keeping the roads open than at any time since the invasion".

The diplomats also blame the meat shortage partly on the fact that bigger flocks of sheep have been seized by government forces to stock military shops.

Diplomats here yesterday gave currency to Afghan reports that a senior Soviet general has been killed in the Panjshir Valley offensive.

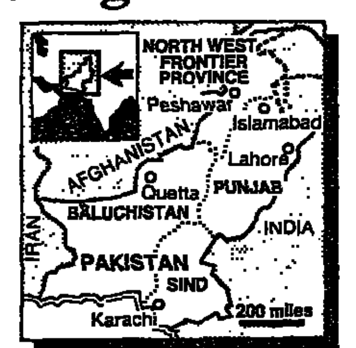
The reports coincide with the obituary of General Semyon Romanov published recently in Moscow. He was said to have died while fulfilling his duties, a phrase often taken to mean killed on active service.

The general in the Afghan reports was said to have been inspecting the troops in action in the pass.

The diplomats also report a number of rumours that other senior officers have also been killed, but they describe these rumours as much less detailed and less substantiated. They also say there is an unconfirmed report that a senior officer has been taken prisoneer and that a number of Russions arrived in Kabul on May 10 to try to negotiate his release with Ahmed Shah Mahsood, the Tadjik leader of the Panjshir Valley *mujahidin*.

Refugees damage Pakistan's ecology

From Michael Hamlyn Quetta



Khaki-coloured hills confine Quetta, bare and treeless, and the officer-sahib sadly confesses: "Our ecology has gone for a six." Baluchistan has 44 per cent of Pakistan's land area and five per cent of its population. It is arid and sandy but home to 700,000 Afghan refugees.

They search each day for firewood among the treeless hills. Where they find a tree, they cut it down, which has led to unseemly scenes between villagers and their visitors.

The authorities do what they can to mitigate the depredations. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees gives five gallons of paraffin a month to each family – though for some mathematical reason they only manage to get between two and four gallons. A pilot project is testing a more efficient wood stove for refugee cooking. All the same, the ecology is not going to recover easily, despite further UN tree-planting schemes.

The officer-sahib is one of a group of military men who run the refugees in Quetta. There is a brigadier, a couple of colonels and a handful of majors in the office. Like many military men in this military dictatorship, they seem unhappy about talking to the press, but the officer-sahib does not mind telling me a few things, provided I do not quote him. Apart from the wood, the other big problems the refugees are causing are water and sanitation, he says.

There are virtually no rivers in Baluchistan. At best there are channels for the winter rain to run off which are dry the rest of the year. But there is underground water which has been regularly tapped by tube-wells

As far as sanitation is concerned, when you put 700,000 people together and they have been used to wandering in the Afghan hills, they can cause a problem. Deep trench latrines are the answer, and the refugees are being put to digging them and also to manufacturing the concrete slabs to cover them. But it is a slow process.

In fact, the refugees seem to be causing remarkably few problems to the local population, both here and further north in the frontier province, where there are said to be more than two million. A UN official said there were more refugees in Pakistan than anywhere else in the world – and fewer problems.

It is not clear how many there are. The Pakistan Government says there are three million.

One reason for the apparent acceptance of the refugees by the Pakistanis is no doubt the identity of race, language and religion. Another is that there have been frequent similar waves of immigration across the Afghanistan border, most recently in the 1971 drought. But a third is the hardiness, diligence and commercial enterprise of the refugees.

The construction and transport trades are likely to be dominated by Afghans before long, not only on the Northwest Frontier and Baluchistan but in cities in Punjab and Sind too. Many shops and bazaar stalls are already run by Afghans, despite the fact that they are not allowed to own property here.

Top communist acquitted by Khartum court

By Our Foreign Staff

A Khartum court has acquitted a leading Communist, Mrs Fata Ahmed Ibrahim, a university lecturer, who was charged under the emergency laws with insulting the Government after secret police dragged her off a London-bound plane 10 days ago.

Vigorously and publicly protesting against her arrest and the harsh state of emergency under which it was carried out, Mrs Fatma Ahmed was taken before one the capital's 12 emergency courts, which started operating on May 5.

Mrs Fatma Ahmed is the widow of Shafie Ahmed el Sheikh, head of the trade union federation, who was sentenced to death after the short-lived coup against President Mimeiry.

Shamir calls Arab bus deaths a deviatio

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, described the beating to death of two Arab bus hijackers by members of the security forces on April 13 as "a deviation".

At a meeting of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee in Jerusalem yesterday, which discussed the findings of the Zorea Commission, he said that the Army usually emerged with honours from encounters with terrorists. The commission of inquiry had been launched to prevent a recurrence of the events, and its findings were accepted by the Ministry of Defence, Mr Shamir said.

Opposition deputies protested that the commission's complete report was shown only to a sub-committee, and the findings published by the Defence Ministry were reported to have stunned the security establishment.

Editorial writers yesterday sought an explanation for the events, some of them pointed accusing fingers at Lieutenant-General Raphael Eitan, the former Chief of Staff and now a candidate for Parliament on the hardline Hatchiya ticket.

Davar accused him of "distorting ethical norms towards Arabs", and also hoped that it would be possible to reconcile his denunciation of the deaths of the hijackers with his earlier declaration after the incident that "terrorists must know that they will not come out alive from such an operation".

It said it was to be hoped that the statement had not been made with the knowledge of what had already befallen the hijackers.

Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, said neither he nor the Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Moshe Levi, had been at the site at the time and neither had known what had happened.

But the Tel Aviv tabloid *Hadashot* said yesterday its photographer had reported that Mr Arens had been standing beside him seconds before he took the picture of Majdi Jama, one of the victims taken off the bus. He said it was inconceivable that the minister had not seen him.

The paper said that Mr Arens's media adviser had later testified that he had been with Mr Arens near the bus and neither of them had seen conditions of the prisoner removal.

● Anti-Arabs on trial: The of the 27 suspected membe the Jewish anti-Arab terr organization went on tria Jerusalem yesterday.

Noam Yinon, of Keshe the Golan Heights, was repo to have confessed to trans ing 50 grenades alleged to been used to prepare mine the booby-trapping of five buses in Jerusalem last mon

● LONDON: Crown Pr Hassan of Jordan urged EEC to take the initiative ir Middle East peace proces was imperative to keep process alive, he said in address last night at the D Davies Memorial Institut International Studies (H Stanhope writes).

Anglican priest detained in Zimbabwe

Harare – An Angican prie in Matabeleland, the Rev Ozi Mkosana, aged 55, has been i detention for the past week o suspicion of recruiting ant government guerrillas (Stephe Taylor writes).

He is the first clergyman to b arrested in connexion with th Matabeleland troubles, a though churchmen of a numb of denominations have bee linked with subversion by th Zimbabwe Government f disclosing army brutality in th province.

Eritrean rebels claim victories

Paris (AFP) – Eritrean gu rillas killed 46 Ethiopian sold ers and captured 11 others May 22-23 in attacks on thr military posts near the town Barentu, the Eritrean Peopl Liberation Front said.

The rebels also claimed th the Ethiopian Army massacr 36 civilians, including wom and children, on April 18 ne the town of Afabet.

Palestinian sho

Limassol (Reuter) – A Pal tinian, Abdullah el-Saadi, ag 36, was found shot dead ne here in the third attack Arabs living in Cyprus over t past month. In Amman, Palestinian source said el-Sa had belonged to the Syri backed Saiqa guerrillas and h switched to the PLO.

Portugal killing

Loures, Portugal (Reuter) Rogerio Baptista de Cun aged 63, a retired industriali was shot dead outside his hor near Lisbon. The left-wi guerrilla group, FP25, claim responsibility.

VW plant hit

Frankfurt (AP) – More th 300,000 metalworkers were strike as Volkswagen beca the latest car plant closed West Germany's widening c flict over a 35-hour we Negotiators resumed talks y terday in Ludwigsburg.

Oslo acts

Oslo (AFP) – The Norweg Government decided to compulsory arbitation to en strike by 500,000 state a municipal employees wh threatened to paralyse communications from midni tonight.

US storms

New York (AP) – He rains swept across the east United States as the st system that caused 12 death Oklahoma over the weekend North Carolina. A girl drowned in flash-floods about 100 people were dri from their homes.

Mudslide toll

Peking (AP) – More than people were killed or inj when a mudslide floode copper mine and swept awa houses in Dongchuan, Yun province, the New China N Agency reported.

Fire suspect

Taipei (AP) – A restau manager has been detained questioning in connection a hotel fire in the Tai capital which killed 19 pe and injured 53 others.

Moscow gold

Moscow (AP) – Sp Senate leader, Seõr Jose F rico de Carvajal, prese President Chernenko with Senate's gold medal in re nition of his outstan services in defence of pe Tass reported.

Fruitless fans

Rome (Reuter) – Foo fans have been banned taking fruit to the Euro Cup final between Liver and Roma here today, security reasons. Match offi will be protected by a squa black belt karate experts.

Africans game

Dar es Salaam (AP) Tanzania will send a team least 22 athletes to the Angeles Olympics. Kenya Uganda have already said will compete.

Egypt's Parliament has strongest Opposition since time of Farouk

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

This week's Egyptian general ction may have lacked the l-blooded democratic freems which will de demonated in neighbouring Israel July 23 but, with all its 'ects, the poll has left esident Hosni Mubarak fac- . the biggest parliamentary position since the overthrow King Farouk in 1952.

As the 56-year-old President s not one of the "Free icers" who took part in the toric revolt, officials have plained that he has used the -styled "democratic experiment" of 1984 to try to tinguish his so-far colourless iod of office from that of sser and Sadat.

For all the opposition allegions of foul play – many stantiated – the first election e since 1979 has lived up to Mubarak's own description a turning point in Egypt's tory.

t has ushered in a new era en public discontent with the ntry's daunting social and nomic problems will have a ular platform for expression he National Assembly.

Ironically, the figurehead for change has been Mr Fuad Seragaddin, leader of the main opposition New Wafd party, and a traditional Egyptian pasha, whose patricial figure is a code for a return to a pre-revolutionary Egypt before the monarchy and landed aristocracy were done away with and parties banned.

At the age of 77, Mr Seragaddin will not be sitting in the new Parliament when it assembles in November, but his presence outside and the popularity he has demonstrated at campaign rallies will be a constant warning to Mr Mubarak of the pressures for change.

Although ministerial hyperbole, as reflected in the semi-official Cairo press, has overdone the freedom of the election (especially of the blatantly biased legislation under which it was conducted), the scores of foreign observers – both jouralists and diplomats – have been impressed by the absence of interference by the security forces.

On the positive side, parties have been allowed their say (as compared with Jordan where they are not permitted at all).

It was largely because the relative freedom was so unexpected by Egyptians used to the wholesale vote rigging of the Sadat period, that turnout was so low. In some areas it only reached 24 per cent, despite laws making it compulsory for men.

As one fifty-year-old Cairo businessman who did not vote explained: "People were so used to having the governing party doing their voting or them, that many like me had not bothered to register when lists closed last December. We did not believe for a minute that we would be allowed to vote with our heads."

Supporters of greater democracy are now hoping that in the five years before the next poll is due, modifications will be introduced within the new electoral law to make it less obviously biased towards the National Democratic Party led by the president. But optimism about reform is not prevalent in either left-wing or right-wing opposition circles.

Angry Gromyko refuses to discuss Sakharov

From Richard Owen Moscow

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the iet Foreign Minister, yester- angrily dismissed Western cern over the fate of Dr Irei Sakharov and his wife, ng Mr Bill Haden, the tralian Foreign Minister, the Kremlin "will not be by other countries how to l with the Sakharovs".

Dr Sakharov's fate has been a ral issue in East-West tions since he went on ger strike in Gorky on May He was taken from his flat eral days later and the horities have refused to lose his whereabouts, claim- that his state of health is isfactory". Relatives have they fear Dr Sakharov is ng.

Mr Hayden, who arrived in scow on Saturday, expressed iety over the case in talks Mr Gromyko, pointing out nothing has been heard n Dr Sakharov or his wife, ena Bonner. Mr Gromyko ied bursquely that it was an rnal matter for the Soviet on. "He then said: 'The versation on this subject s here' and terminated the ogue" Mr Hayden told orters.

Last week Herr Hans-Diei Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, also ed the Sakharov case with Gromyko during a frosty meeting marked by hardline Soviet statements.

Mr Bill Hayden: Expressed anxiety

Herr Genscher again put in a plea for the Sakharovs during a meeting with President Chernenko, asking for them to be given access to proper medical care, but Mr Gromyko reportedly stepped in before Mr Chernenko could reply, remarking: "We have already discussed that."

Mr Hayden, who has emphasized that his talks were otherwise cordial, said he drew Mr Gromyko's attention to the problem of divided families, raising 150 cases of Russians who wish to join relatives in Australia but have been denied permission to emigrate.

EEC acts to stamp out video piracy

From Ian Murray Brussels

EEC-wide cooperation to stamp out piracy of video cassettes is being sought by the European Commission, which considers the practice is underminig employment and costing governments untold millions in lost taxes.

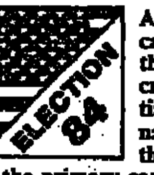
The Commisssion has made a particular study of piracy in Britain, which is the country with the highest proportion of recorders in the community. At the start of this year two-thirds of the British market was thought to be in pirated tapes, but it was hoped that new legislation would cut this quickly to a third and to an even smaller figure in the future.

Yesterday the Commission issued a six-point action plan it believes would help even more. This would basically mean that all member states would bring their regulations into line and cooperate and exchange imformation about the way tape piracy was adapting to try to get round the rules.

The Commission is particularly concerned about authors and artists who lose income through piracy and believes many of them could be put out of work by the practice.

Mondale camp sees goal in sight

From Nicholas Ashford Washington



As the three candidates for the Democratic pesidential nomination entered the last week of the primary campaign, there was growing confidence among supporters of Mr Walter Mondale that the former Vice-President would have more than the 1,967 delegates needed to secure the party's nonination by June 6.

This is the day after the final batch of primary races take place in California, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota and West Virginia. A total of 486 delegates will be selected in these five closing primaries.

One reason for their confidence is that Mr Mondale has been attracting uncommitted and unpledged delegates to his side at a faster rate than Senator Gary Hart, his chief rival, has been winning delegates in recent primaries and caucuses.

Since May 9 Mr Hart has won in Ohio, Indiana, Oregon, Negraska and Idaho, but has added only 798 delegates to his total. By contrast, Mr Mondale won only Maryland and North Carolina during this period yet has increased his delegate count by 115.

According to United Press International, Mr Mondale now has 1,644 delegates committed to vote for him at the party's national convention in San Francisco in July compared to 964 for Mr Hart. The third candidate, the Rev Jesse Jackson, has 308 delegates, while another 386 are either uncommitted or support a candidate no longer in the race.

Mr Mondale had managed to continue building up his delegate count, despite his recent string of primary losses, through his long association and cultivation of Democratic Party regulars and his ability to play party politics, something Mr Hart eschews.

He has been particularly successful in attracting the support of the 568 "super delegates", party leaders and senior officials who are not elected in the primary contests but have reserved places at the convention.

In many states Mr Mondale has also won most of the "unpledged" delegates, even when Mr Hart wom the popular vote. In Ohio, for example, where Mr Hart narrowly won the primary earlier this month, Mr Mondale won 60 per cent of the unpledged delegates, while Mr Hart got none.

Similarly in Florida, which Mr Hart also won, Mr Mondale got half the unpledged delegates while his rival got none.

Meanwhile, Mr Jackson has provoked a new controversy by criticizing the US Government during a visit to Mexico on Monday. He told a meeting of Mexican parliamentarians that American "arrogance has led to big-stick diplomacy and military intervention" in the hemisphere.



Lap of honour: Senator Hart waving to spectators as he rides along the course of the Somerville Bike Tour in Somerville, New Jersey, before Monday's race.

Zhao tour underlines importance of Europe

From David Bonavia Peking

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the chinese prime minister, left here yesterday for a tour of six European countries and a visit to EEC headquarters in Brussels.

British Embassy sources emphasized that no snub is seen in Mr Zhao's omissiion of Britain from his 18-day schedule. "He had not been invited and had not asked for an invitation," he said.

From the point of view of protocol, it would have been awkward for Mr Zhao to visit Britain, because the Hongkong talks are entering their final and most delicate stage, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, was here recently to mark their progress.

The Chinese leader is leaving before the conclusion of the National People's Congress, emphasizing the importance Peking attaches to relations with West Europe, which is seen as a vitally important source of trade and technology and a bulwark against Soviet expansionista.

Mr Zhao is to visit France, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Italy. The trip is expected to solidify political relations between China and Europe, as well as improving cooperation with such technical agencies as the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.

China stole a march on the Soviet Union in the 1970s by initiating relations with the EEC, while Moscow dragged its feet in recognizing what limited forms of West European solidarity already existed.

Europe is seen by the Chinese as a counterweight to the United States in the Western world, though Washington recently liberalized many forms of trade and technological exchange previously withheld from China as a communist power. This in turn will enable European countries to do more advanced-technology trade with China, previously hindered by the presence of American parts or systems in their own advanced equipment.

Trade between China and the EEC countries reached $5.7bn (£4bn) in 1983 and is expected to rise steadily.

The New China News Agency said in a commentary yesterday: "China always supports Western Europe in its efforts to build up a strong and powerful Europe."

● Governor arrives: Hongkong's Governor, Sir Edward Youde, arrived in Peking yesterday for another round of talks (AP reports).

The two-day meeting starting today, is the fifteenth round of the second phase of negotiations.

Muslim students take revenge in Kashmir

From Our Correspondent, Delhi

Muslim students in Srinagar and Anatang in Kashmir went on the rampage in retaliation for riots in Bombay amd Bhiwandi, forcing the closure of many shops in the two cities.

In Sringar an army driver was injured and a cinema and several vehicles burnt, while in Anantang 38 buses were damaged.

The *Hindustan Times*, a pro-Government English-language daily paper published in Delhi, reported that the students in Srinagar had burnt an effigy of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, Srinager has been the venue for meetings of two rival actions of the ruling National Conference party, one headed by the Chief Minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, son of Shaikh Abdullah, the party's founder, and the other headed by Khalida, the shaikh's eldest daughter.

Hungary defends links with the West

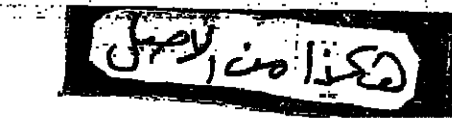
From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

In the face of increasing criticism from Warsaw Pact allies concerning contacts with the West, Hungary has put up a strong defence of its conduct, arguing that this was in the interests of all.

Mr Gyula Horn, the head of the international department in the Hungarian Communist Party's Central Committee, defended Hungary's foreign policy in a television discussion in reponse to Warsaw Pact attacks accusing Hungary of "making concessions to the imperialists" and of "straying from the allied policy".

The rebuttal of accusations was given front-page treatment in Yugoslav newspapers yesterday which in itself indicates the importance Belgrade attaches to Hungary's self-defence. For some time pressure has been exerted on Hungary by other Soviet block states, especially by Czechoslovakia.





THE ARTS

Theatre in New York

Hoffman in the eye of a storm

At least the official Broadway season ended with an explosion. True to recent form, the Tony nominating committee enraged countless people by excluding Dustin Hoffman's Willy Loman from its Outstanding Actor list.

Two speculations about the exclusion have been offered in the media. One is that Mr Hoffman refused to extend the sold-out *Death of a Salesman*'s run unless he was given a seven-performance week, and earned a slap on the wrist. Kate Nelligan, however, declined even to open *A Moon for the Misbegotten* unless she was granted a six-performance schedule, and was still nominated as Outstanding Actress.

The second guess is that Mr Hoffman reportedly dislikes awards and his attitude offended some committee members. Could they have confused him with George C. Scott, who played Willy Loman in another Broadway revival several years ago? I swear I saw Dustin Hoffman graciously accept his Oscar, while Mr Scott declined his. A pertinent difference is that the Motion Picture Academy had the class to nominate and award Mr Scott in spite of his disdain.

Even if – putting the best possible construction on the oversight – the exclusion was an accident which came about when too many committee members assumed others were voting for Mr Hoffman and marked their secret ballots for underdogs, the yearly rancour over the nominations ought at least to prompt a reexamination of the process.

Except for the new Stephen Sondheim musical *Sunday in the Park with George*, which garnered the most Tony nominations, the season on stage fizzled out. Having the perhaps unfair advantage of seeing the Riverside Studio's A Moon for the Misbegotten last summer, I can only dub Kate Nelligan's starring vehicle at the Cort Theatre "A Half-Moon for the Misbegotten". Though the director David Leveaux, the co-star Ian Bannen and the designer Brien Vahey are repeating their Riverside assignments, the chemistry here is off.

Miss Nelligan's line readings are intelligent and feeling, but she is always labouring for her effects and never believable as the ungainly Josie Hogan. Mr Bannen's dreamy alcoholic looks a bit wan opposite a weak Josie; against Frances de la Tour's mother-earthiness his personification of a dissipated dream prince was poignant. Finally, Jerome Kilty is a cute little leprechaun in overalls as Josie's father, but with no sense of menace he undercuts Josie's stature in being able to stand up to him.

Another lacklustre revival is **Oliver** (Mark Hellinger Theatre), which appears to have come in for a last stand after a long road tour. The show runs smoothly enough, and Ron Moody lives up to his reputation as a lively – though by now mannered and self-congratulatory – Fagin. Young Sarah E. Litzsinger as Bet has the greatest presence in the supporting cast, but about the only reason to welcome this show is as something to take youngsters to if they have already seen *The Tap Dance Kid*.

Not too many people are flocking to **Beethoven's Tenth** (Nederlander Theatre), which has an even worse supporting cast here than in London. Even fewer are attending **A Woman of Independent Means** (Biltmore Theatre). While the film actress Barbara Rush covers a range of emotions and some 80 years in her character's age with grace and persuasiveness, this biography based upon the letters of a Texas socialite is material appropriate to women's clubs and colleges but hard to tolerate on Broadway.

Tolerable more for its potential than realization is Arthur Kopit's **End of the World** (The Music Box), the final entry of the season. The play begins promisingly: in an office bearing the legend "Michael Trent, Playwright – No Domestic Comedies", a young dramatist (John Shea) is commissioned by a wealthy eccentric (Barnard Hughes) to write a play about nuclear warfare. What follows is mostly convoluted talk as the writer researches the work through interviews and discusses his problems with his agent (Linda Hunt) and sponsor. While the performances are good and the designer Clarke Dunham's sets of projections on seven panels are handsome, the play is not sufficiently thought-provoking or amusing to sustain interest. Aristophanes is sorely missed.

Holly Hill

Not what it was in London: Kate Nelligan with Ian Bannen in *A Moon for the Misbegotten*

Television

Quite a wag . . .

The major puzzle in **The Great Egg Race** (BBC2) is its late Victorian title, which manages to suggest both the Great Exhibition and the works of Lewis Carroll. But the only thing remotely resembling an egg in this first programme seemed to be the head of its presenter, Heinz Wolff, who opened the proceedings with a monkey draped over his shoulder. One imagines that the accent, too, has been assumed for dramatic purposes: "Ven I vas a child", he said like a psychiatrist consoling a recalcitrant Viennese patient, "it vas my dearest vish to haf a tail".

And this, peculiar though it now seems in retrospect, was the point of the exercise: three teams of computer experts were asked to construct a tail, and were of course given a selection of rolling pins, food-whisks, clothes-pegs and paint-rollers with which to do it. After that, everything became a blur: a guest expert came on to discuss the nature of the tail, Heinz Wolff wagged a metal spring and giggled, and the contestants muttered under their breath as they wrote down such phrases as "Neoprene Tube" and "Glued Webbing".

The sound of hammering increased as Heinz Wolff appeared yet again; one imagined that by now he would be dressed in a monkey suit, or begin to gibber uncontrollably but, no, he was quite composed and asked of one tail constructed out of household goods, "How vill you make it curl zee ozzer vay?". The answer is no longer important, but a lavatory plunger seemed to play some part in it. For those who could not stand the excitement, the tail of the "red team" triumphed in the areas of "charisma", "prehinsility" and general expressiveness.

The programme had something for almost everyone: those who are interested in the construction of tails must have been waiting a lifetime for it, but it would also have been of great interest to those who have always wanted to find something unusual to do with a lavatory plunger. Those who greeted the events televised with utter disbelief, or even amazement, will find that little tips such as these will soon make all the difference to their otherwise boring lives. And the secret of the title was finally revealed: a monstrous egg has been discovered in the branches of a tree, and everyone has to guess how Heinz Wolff managed to lay it.

Peter Ackroyd

London concert

Brave commitment

Leicestershire SSO/Fletcher

Royal College of Music

Despite a tragic car accident which caused the death of one orchestra member and the serious injury of two others, the Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra decided bravely to persevere with this, the last in a series of three concerts around the country which was to have presented four British premières. One substantial new work, Rupert Bawden's *A Motet for St Katherine*, was replaced by Wagner, but there were still three dauntingly demanding works on the programme.

The newest and the most exotic was Douglas Young's *Lament on the Destruction of Forests*, a somewhat tendentious title for a remarkably skilful attempt on that perennial cross-cultural problem of the past couple of decades, the possiblity of marrying European and Indian musics. Young had a splendid sitar soloist, Debu Chaudhuri, out of whose playing of a folk melody the idea for the piece grew. And unlike, say, Ravi Shankar in his unhappy Second Concerto for sitar, which the New York Philharmonic played, Young knows how to write for orchestra and so does not confine them merely to droning away in the background.

Rather, he sets sitar and orchestra apart in almost as block-like a fashion as Varèse does with orchestra and electronics in *Deserts*. At first the orchestra seems to translate the sitar's shimmering successfully into a different sound-world and comment on it, but it then becomes more aggressive and noisy, and the central outbursts of brass chords and then timpani thumping, broken by sudden pauses, are far too violently contrasted for the sitar's good. It can only pursue its ruminations unaffected, and the links between the two worlds seem to become less rather than more organic.

Elliott Carter's ballet suite *Pocahontas* (1936) was an enjoyable revelation of the prehistory of this composer in the days before he (as he put it) started getting the nationalism out of his music. This was wide-open-spaces music, often exhilarating, but too often tinged with rather musty sonorities of Hidemith-like greyness. It need not enter the repertory, but Dallapiccola's scrupulously accomplished Symphonic Fragments from the ballet *Marsia* certainly should (they have in fact been heard here before in a BBC broadcast under Gui in 1952; Sherchen conducted an earlier Suite in 1948).

The orchestra's playing under Peter Fletcher was strong and confident, some odd moments of poor intonation aside; but in the circumstances, and with a substitute leader, its commitment was beyond praise.

Nicholas Kenyon

Riccardo Muti (right), as full of vitality and enterprise as ever, is back in London tonight, conducting his Philadelphia Orchestra at the Festival Hall: interview by John Higgins

A man for all styles



The outstanding performance to date in the Covent Garden season, now in its final month, has to be Bellini's *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*. It was suggested on this page after the first night that it should be recorded and indeed EMI had a crew in the wings to get on tape the Bellini style that Riccardo Muti and two principals, Edita Gruberova and Agnes Baltsa, brought to London. Muti, who rarely discusses his own work, was reasonably satisfied with this *Capuleti* and is considering transporting the whole package to La Scala when he takes over from Claudio Abbado as music director of that theatre in 1986.

Tonight Muti returns to London wearing a different musical directorship, that of the Philadelphia Orchestra. They begin the last leg of their European tour at the Festival Hall with a programme of Bartok, Falla and Schubert. It is notable that in the tour repertoire, a sizeable one, there is no music from Muti's native Italy and nothing from America. Muti admits with a grin that he did carry a Verdi overture or two for encore purposes, but he had set his face against including the token piece of home-grown music. "We are not nationalistic and music is international. On tour you must display the orchestra as a virtuoso instrument and that's why we have been playing Mahler, Prokofiev, Ravel and Hindemith as well as the composers London will hear."

Muti will remain with the Philadelphia at least until 1988: a five-year contract was signed last year at the moment when Covent Garden were unsuccessfully trying to entice him to London. During his period as music director he has been making his changes gradually, although he is a conductor famous within the profession for getting his own way. When he arrived in Philadelphia the orchestra was steeped in the Ormandy style, with the accent very much on the romantic repertory, with Sibelius, a personal friend of Ormandy's, and Rachmaninov, who had a long association with the city, in the forefront.

"The orchestra was known for its lush, romantic style. I wanted that sound only when it was required – I didn't, for instance, need it in Beethoven. My first task was to mould a symphonic repertoire that made the orchestra capable of playing in *all* styles, including the classical one." That achieved, Muti moved Philadelphia in two other directions last season, both quite separate. The first was to appoint an American composer, Richard Wernick, as the equivalent of an orchestral *Dramaturg* to discover and programme contemporary music.

"Literally hundreds of scores come into my office each season and quite obviously I cannot look at each of them in detail. Richard Wernick's job – or rather one of them – is to select the one manuscript in, say, five that we should consider."

The other path has led to opera and concert performances last year; first in Philadelphia and then at Carnegie Hall, of Verdi's *Macbeth*. The latter appearance was, somewhat surprisingly, Muti's New York debut in opera, and a highly successful one it was.

"It is as important for a great symphony orchestra to perform opera as it is for an opera house orchestra to play symphonically. Before we started rehearsals on *Macbeth* I sent every member of the Philadelphia a bilingual libretto of the opera so that they knew the dramatic situation that lay behind every chord. I think it worked and we're certainly going to continue with the experiment in the future. Next season I will do Gluck's *Orfeo* with Baltsa, Margaret Marshall and Arlene Auger; we're thinking about *Rigoletto* and *Norma* for the future."

Orfeo was one of Muti's greatest successes at Florence during his time there with Massimo Bogdianckino as general administrator. With Rossini's *William Tell* in Florence and Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* at Salzburg in 1970, *Orfeo* is one of the major turning-points of Muti's operatic career.

Muti smiles at the memory of *Orfeo*. "I think it did create a certain amount of confusion in the minds of the critics. At that time I had been considered rather a blood-and-thunder conductor. It made them think again. Possibly *Le nozze di Figaro* [in both Florence and Milan] and later *Cosi fan tutte* added to the confusion." Blood and thunder, though, return when Muti opens his first season as music director, 1986-87, with Verdi's *Nabucco*. It is a reasonable enough choice both because of the opera's association with La Scala and its place in Italian history.

"I see my responsibility at La Scala as one of re-establishing the Italian style for the world to see and hear. Toscanini did that: he reaffirmed the *serietà* of Italian opera. After his death some of the performances became 'approximate'. Even if you do not alway have the very best cast in the world you can always perform Bellini, Donizetti, Rossini and Verdi in the correct style."

And that of course is what Muti did in Florence. And for Covent Garden? "It would be the ideal house for *William Tell*. I think I am the only conductor this century to have done *Tell* complete and I would love to return to it. I'm told that parts of the original material are in the archives at Covent Garden. Why not get them out?"

Bath Festival

Exact intensity

Vega Wind Quintet

Guildhall

In Sir William Glock's last year as artistic director, the Bath Festival continues strongly its tradition of presenting new music with the best kind of seriousness: conscientious and circumspect.

The two featured composers are, as usual, well chosen and well represented. György Kurtag is still in this country the least known of the modern masters; we shall hear a brand new choral work from him on Friday. And from James Dillon, one of the most challenging British composers to have emerged in the past few years, a wind quintet, *La Rivage*, had its first performance on Monday evening in a sprightly recital by the Vega Wind Quintet.

The new piece is typical of Dillon's music in the intensity and exactness with which it takes hold of complex sound images. The notation is highly wrought, precise and taxing and drew an admirably willing response from the players. But the impression is never finicky because one senses that the sounds are complex because they have to be, motivated by structure and not merely by wilfulness or the urge to decorate.

This is music not of simple things made elaborate but of elaborate and difficult things put forward as simply as possible.

Dillon's musical eloquence, however, is not matched by any comparable command of lecture technique. His pre-performance talk was perhaps useful only as a demonstration that composers are thinking, worrying beings, thought it may have alerted us to consider *Le Rivage* as operating on the shoreline between east and west, stasis and dynamism, passivity and rhetoric.

Rather more surprising is the way the piece works not with melodic ideas but with sound substance. Starting out with an ensemble notorious for its heterogeneity (well demonstrated beforehand in Janacek's *Youth*), Dillon smears the colour together with much use of glissandos, chords and marginal, noise-tending performance techniques.

This creates a sound world of considerable strain and oddity but also one which, thanks to the carefulness of Dillon's imagination, has great scope for change and diversification. Solo passages are virtually excluded by the technique, so anything like dialogue is impossible, but the piece proceeds boldly through energy contained in its clouds and tangles. It is a study in greys and browns so sharply in focus that they are as bright as primary colours.

The other contemporary piece made an apt contrast. Robert Saxton's *Echoes of the Glass Bead Game*, at nine years old, must now be counted first-period Saxton. It is a conversation of continuing freshness and fascination in which the players offer gleaming strands of melody and joint strategies of harmony in a musical image drawn from the Hesse novel. It had a performance as beautiful and attentive as that of the Dillon.

Paul Griffiths

Jazz

Azimuth

Ronnie Scott's

Go to Ronnie Scott's this week to hear two remarkable young musicians, the American bassist Brian Bromberg and the British drummer Steve Arguelles, whose work – with, respectively, the Monty Alexander Trio and a quintet called Azimuth – offers precise definitions of the technical advances made on these instruments in the past quarter-century. In answering this question, however, a larger one is raised.

Bromberg is one of those young bassists whose apparently effortless fluency suggests that some basic softening of the strings and lowering of the action has taken place in the years since school double-bass lessons meant cramp in the wrists and aching finger-joints: swooning glides, almost contemptuous triple-stops and a double-cream tone are his basic tools; by comparison, such early virtuosi as Pettiford, Mingus and LaFaro sound steam-driven. Similarly, Arguelles has mastered the high-density, high-contrast style invented by Anthony Williams in the early Sixties: a complex of ad hoc rudiments and metrical subdivisions so ferociously difficult that it seemed to have its theoretical basis in a set of logarithm tables.

Inevitably, the once bracing effect of these techniques is dulled by familiarity. Perhaps, however, the musicians did not help themselves by the way in which they choose to deploy their impressive new weaponry. Bromberg's skill, for instance, easily outshines the adroit but generally featureless cocktail-jazz of Alexander's trio, in which the use of Robert Thomas's hand percussion in place of a conventional trap drummer merely seems a rather thin gimmick. Ahmad Jamal does this sort of thing with much greater sophistication and profundity.

In Arguelles's case, the fault is not with the setting. The basic Azimuth unit, a trio of Norma Winstone (voice), Ken Wheeler (trumpet) and John Taylor (piano), is one of the most imaginatively conceived and delicately balanced of all contemporary chamber-jazz groups, and the notion of augmenting it with drums and double-bass for this engagement was worthwhile.

Arguelles and the bassist, Chris Laurence, put a kick under the racing 5/4 of Taylor's "Adios", but sometimes they seemed to be playing to each other rather than to the soloist. Arguelles, in particular, has yet to learn to restrain his instinct to assume the role of an equal voice all the time – an instinct made realizable only by his phenomenal technical development. Without lessening his involvement, he must learn the value of strategic reticence, and that true surprise is only possible in a context of regularity.

Richard Williams

Dance

Royal Ballet

Covent Garden

Sickness forced Wayne Eagling's withdrawal from Monday night's triple bill at Covent Garden, but brought the benefit of two debuts in leading roles in addition to the one already scheduled. Ashley Page danced the part created for Anthony Dowell in *Shadowplay* and Stephen Jefferies gave his first performance in *Gloria*. Both came through with flying colours.

Gail Taphouse was the official debutante, as what the Royal Ballet describes as La Garconne in *Les Biches*. Easily recognizable in the most anonymous corps de ballet role for her exotic good looks and her beautiful quality of movement, she also possesses a pair of long, slender legs which the abbreviated blue costume shows to fine advantage.

Although slightly tentative at first she has the remote quality essential for this androgynous role. All that was missing was the guilty passion seething under the cool exterior, but this is true of the entire revival, with the honourable exception of Sandra Conley, a Hostess who knows exactly what she wants and where to find it.

Antony Tudor created *Shadowplay* for the Royal Ballet in 1967, and in all that time it has been given only 39 times at the Royal Opera House: a shameful record for a major work by a major British choreographer, too little represented in his native country.

Not surprisingly, there have been very few casts in the leading role of the boy growing to manhood; Page is only the fourth, and his debut revives memories of the young Anthony Dowell. Gifted with a really striking presence, Page displays the ability to illuminate the meaning behind the steps.

Andy Klunder's designs for *Gloria* are a major delight, and that is not to decry the choreography which contains some of Kenneth MacMillan's most interesting and inventive movement. While Jefferies lacks the anger and bitterness which Eagling brings to the part, his sense of nobility and vulnerable humanity easily compensate.

Judith Cruickshank

London debuts

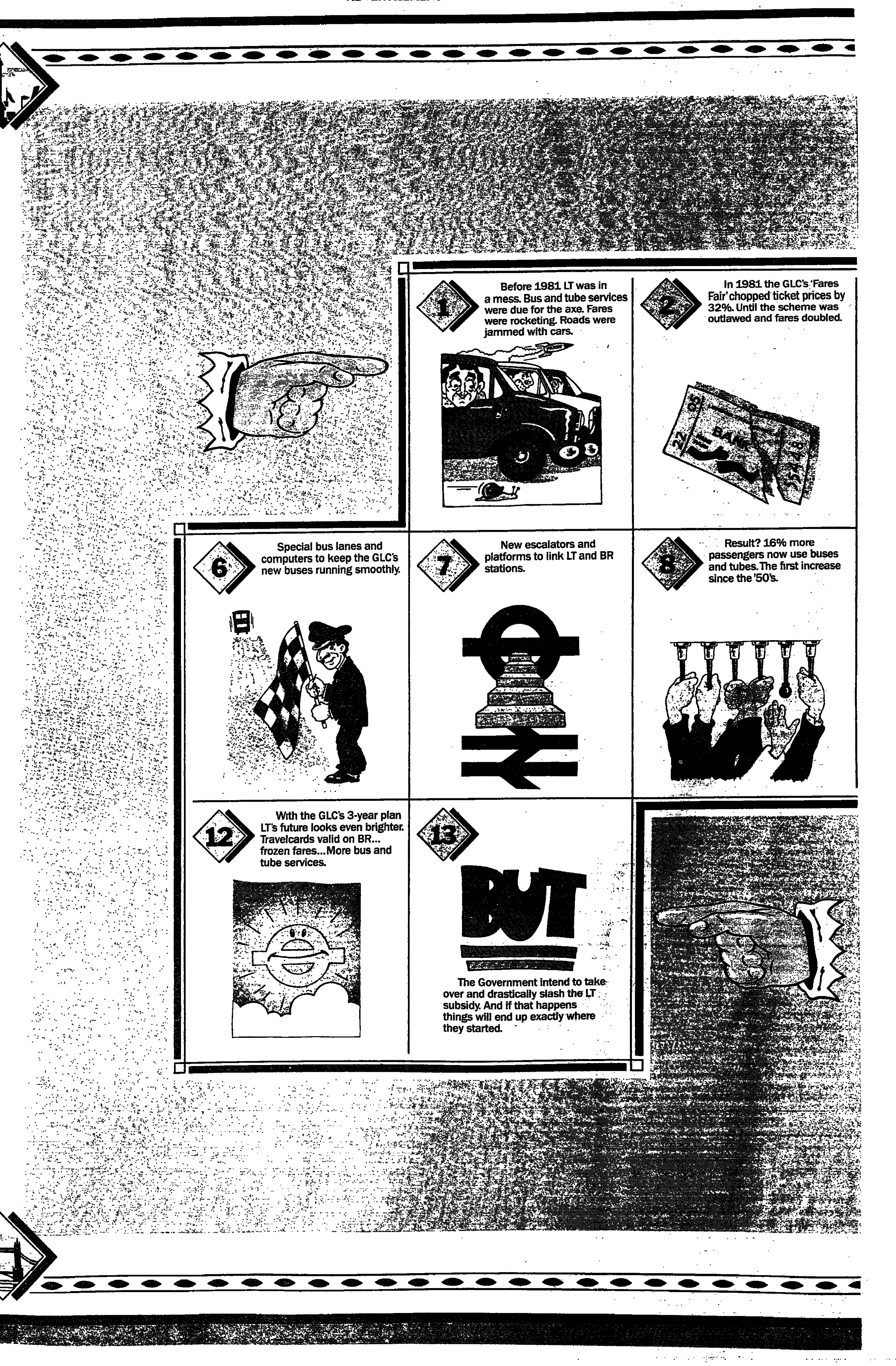
Weighty

Augustin Dumay is an experienced French violinist in his mid-thirties, whose musically weighty sonata programme owed much of its success to the participation of the pianist Jean-Philippe Collard. Dumay, bereft of his 1721 Stradivarius, would I imagine have a pretty poor tone: above mezzo-forte he tends towards shrillness, and this defect spoilt the finale of Schumann's A minor Sonata, Op 105. Much more impressive was the Brahms D minor. The opening movement may have been short on breadth of phrasing and the finale inhibited by unrelaxed bowing, but in the Adagio there was excellent control over the passionate emotion, with beautiful trills and impeccable double-stopping, and the Presto con sentimento movement demonstrated Dumay at his best in rapid pianissimo passagework.

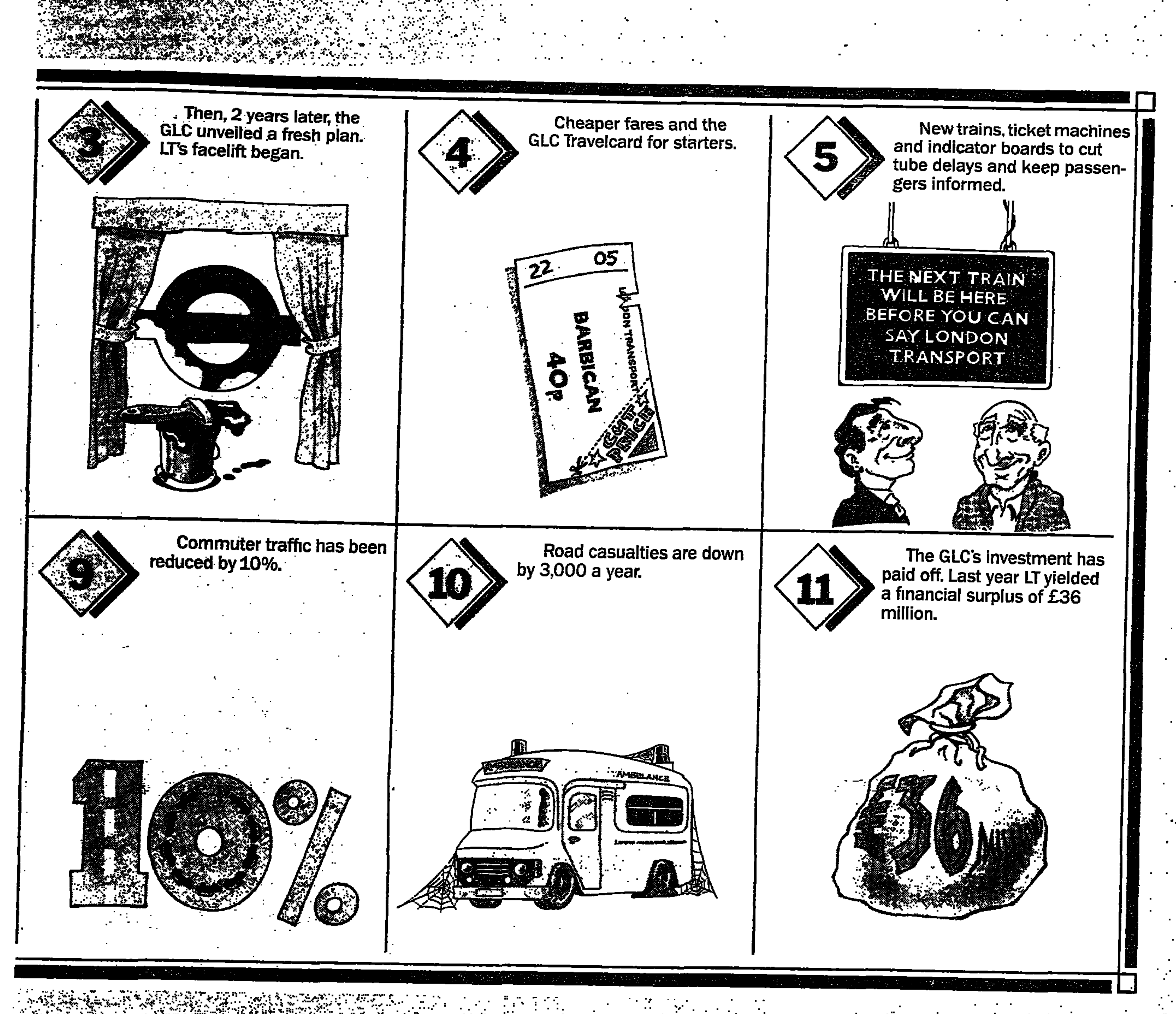
The English harpist **Imogen Barford** has a modest manner which belies the large sound that she is able to obtain from this most visually engaging of instruments. It was good to hear the première of a work by Peter Paul Nash, especially since it succeeded in using the lowest bass strings to break away from the conventional prettiness of the harp's sonorities. Nevertheless, the atonal aspect of the piece sounded shockingly mellifluous, given the instrument's inescapable dulcet tones. The late Germaine Tailleferre's Sonata (1957) has a naive charm, and both the hypnotic rocking accompaniment of the slow movement and the busy pleasantries of the *Perpetuum mobile* finale achieved their effect (which is to leave a pleasing taste, rather than to satisfy any aesthetic hunger).

The most substantial work in the cellist **Jane Salmon's** programme was Frank Bridge's two-movement Sonata. This is a puzzling piece, and Miss Salmon was only partially effective in making something out of its nebulous effusion of rhapsodic poetry. Catherine Edwards was the stronger advocate of the two, and her piano-playing dominated. Jane Salmon's tone tends to sound nasal, and her unvaried use of a fast vibrato acts against any rich diversity of nuance. When tackling accompanied forte passages the cellist was unable to project her part, though her intonation was always pure.

James Methuen-Campbell


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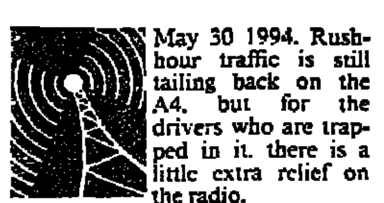


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Radio as we know it is set for radical change over the next 10 years.

David Hewson predicts the shape of things to come



May 30 1994. Rush-hour traffic is still tailing back on the A4, but for the drivers who are trapped in it, there is a little extra relief on the radio.

The old days when the VHF band ontained Radios 2, 3, 4, BBC Radio .ondon, Capital, LBC, and the faint tirrings of a distant commercial tation, 210 in Reading, are long .one. Instead of the seven stations of decade ago, Londoners have more han 15 VHF stations to chose from.

All of the old ones are there, but hey have been joined by a national ommercial network, news-based, ·ith some music and magazine naterial. Radio 1, the most popular British radio station of the 1980s, ·ith around 14.2 per cent of the aily audience, now has its own tereo VHF spot, and does not share ·ith Radio 2. Like other BBC local adio stations, Radio London still as the same name, but is radically hanged. It carries *The Archers* and ntertainment and specialist music rogrammes on jazz, folk, big bands nd other areas which are currently n Radio 2.

Radio 2 has developed into a day-ong middle-of-the-road station with opical news breaks, and a new IOR sequence in the early evenings ·hich were once dedicated to pecialist music. Radio 3 remains he same, based on classical music or a limited audience, and Radio 4 s still a mixture of drama and urrent affairs, although some of the ig names, like *The Archers*, have een switched to local radio to beef up their competition against the commercial stations.

Capital and LBC are unchanged but still moaning about the arrival, four years previously, of ten community radio stations on the VHF waveband in the area once used for police and emergency services. Half of the community stations once operated as pirates during the 1980s, but applied for the round of new community licences announced by the government in 1986. They run on a shoestring, often using volunteer DJs. Using very low power transmitters, their coverage rarely goes beyond two London boroughs, where they make a reasonable living from small advertisers who like their music-based local style.

The rest are more specialized. One, run by jazz devotees, broadcasts round the clock with a staff of seven and never comes closer to rock than the last Herbie Hancock record.

Three ethnic radio stations, one devoted to Asian affairs, a second entirely in Greek, and the third, more catholic, but based on a West Indian management, have transmitters that can take their programmes to a wider audience covering most of Greater London. All the community stations have their own band of specialist listeners and advertisers. Few of the latter could afford to be on the old, larger commercial stations, even if they wanted to be.

Will this really be our radio future? We might get a few clues tonight when the BBC's managing director of radio, Richard Francis, and the Independent Broadcasting Authority's head of radio, John Thompson – key figures in deciding radio's future – address a meeting of the Voice of the Listener, the new audience ginger group.

Changing the nature of the airwaves creates an odd reaction in the British national character. Television, which has a much larger audience, is expected to drop shows, change direction, and bob around the intellectual spectrum at will, and would be bitterly criticized if it failed to do so.

For a large section of the radio audience, the idea of anything other than rock-solid stability for decades is regarded with horror, as Francis, who has spent much of his time denying reports that he wants to make Radio 4 into a news station, knows to his cost.

The truth is that whoever is at the helm of the BBC and commercial networks, change is on the way. The British radio dial of a decade hence, and the stations it can reach, will be radically different from that of today, even if no-one is quite sure how.

The evolution of the radio spectrum will take a decade, partly because it depends upon international decisions on the location of wavelengths by the World Administrative Radio Conference – due to meet in Geneva at the end of the year. But it will, at least, be a little quicker than its predecessor changes. Commercial local radio has only just entered its second decade and, in places, still has a few teething problems. Radio 1, the government-ordered answer to the 24-hour pop prattle of the 1960s pirate stations, only came on air in 1967.

Past governments have been cautious towards the use of British airwaves which has not been matched abroad. It felt that there was little room for expansion into new forms of broadcasting, for which, in any case, there was little demand. But in the last five years, this opinion has been revised. With a little tinkering, such as shifting VHF emergency services, room can be found for innovations

The first will be to give Radio 1, Britain's most popular radio station, a stereo VHF spot of its own. At the same time, the IBA will look to creating the first national commercial station.

Beyond those two ventures lies the issue of community radio. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Office Minister of State, went out of his way to quell some of the disquiet of existing commercial stations last week by declaring that no firm decision will be reached on community radio until after the WARC conference. If the Government does go ahead, as expected the existing 60-odd pirates in Britain will be allowed to apply, though no-one will be guaranteed a place, for a position *in the new order*. The Home Office hopes that by the time any applications are sought, the growth of the pirates which has so annoyed the IBA, will be over. New legislation, they argue, will make it much easier to put existing pirates out of business.

There is no shortage of people desperate to run community radio stations, and there seems to be a growing acceptance of their argument that room will exist on the airwaves to accommodate them without interfering with other broadcasting services.

Where will all these changes leave the BBC? Not behind in the race, that, at least, is certain.

The Corporation has been indulging in a bout of deep futurology for some time about its radio services which currently represent a wide spectrum of broadcasting types: from the pure public service element of Radio 3, which attracts a dwindling audience of around 500,000 a day, to the daily pop diet of Radio 1, a network which could be transformed tomorrow into a successful commercial radio entity.

The BBC's real crisis lies in the regions, and a key element in the most recent BBC report on the subject by The Nineties Study Group, published last March, was unusually frank about the depth of the problem. By 1990, the Corporation should have a chain of 38 local radio stations covering 90 to 95 per cent of the population in England. BBC local radio has traditionally performed extremely badly in the three main metropolitan areas, London, Manchester, and the West Midlands, where its patronage is 3.3 per cent, 4.6 per cent, and 2.2 per cent, respectively. Elsewhere, only eight stations have a daily patronage higher than their commercial competitor, though not all have competition.

The report suggests that the Corporation's interests lie in strengthening the local network by switching into it resources now with the national stations. The document is very consultative and is likely to be amended in the next few years.

But the BBC, which only 17 years ago controlled the only three legal radio networks in Britain, is as aware as everyone else that change is inevitable. It may not come as quickly as in television, but the signs are that the radio revolution will be much more fundamental than that initially planned for the domestic TV screen.

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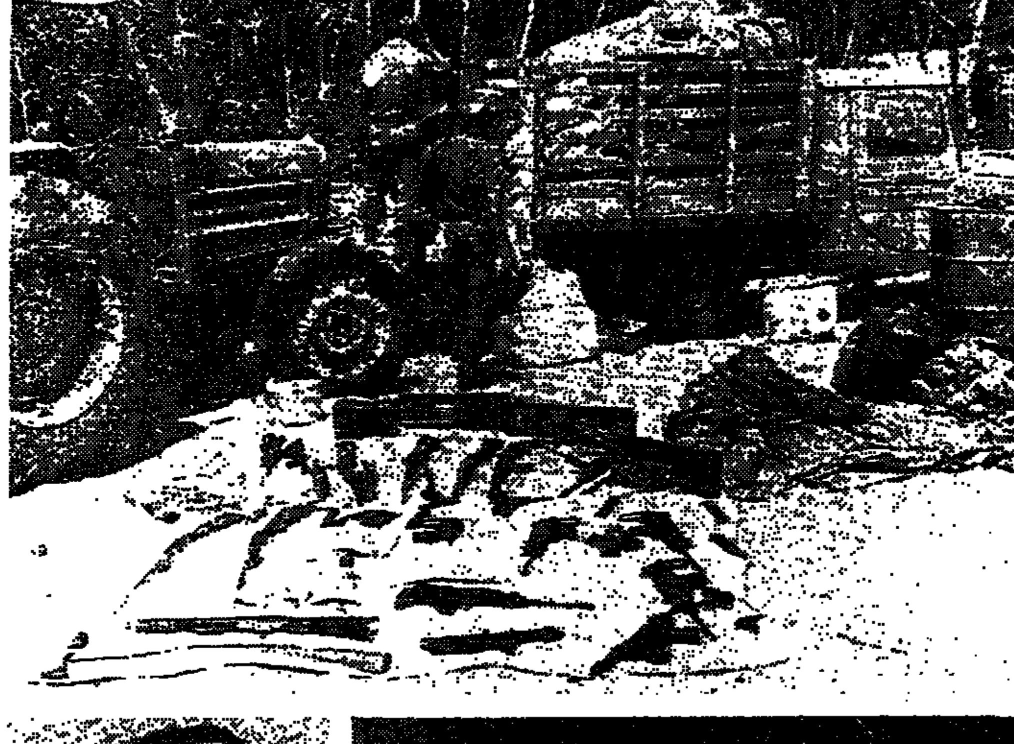
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President Betancur's crusade against drug trafficking, violence and assassination has mobilized an army of opposition.

Geoffrey Matthews reports from Bogota

Colombia's bitter battle on drugs







Police (top) unload some of the cocaine and weapons seized in the biggest raid on a jungle pressing plant. The haul was worth \$1.2bn. Colombia supplies 80 per cent of America's daily drug intake. Smugglers (above) sell marijuana, usually at night. President Belisario Betancur (above left) now cooperates with the US to clean up the trade in a "drug war" which began with the assassination of Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla (left).

ırgentine tangos and Mexican nariachi music have long ominated the radio waves, ance floors, cantinas and urdels of Latin America, so ·hat is John Lennon doing, tanding in the centre of a ublic plaza in a small provinial city like Armenia, in olombia? A statue of course – ut why here?

The statue is the work of one of Colombia's top sculptors ·ho invariably quote their fees n thousands of dollars. But hen Armenia's most infamous ocal boy, Carlos Lehder, who ommissioned the work is ·ever short of a dollar, let alone Colombian peso. He came to ·orship the Beatles when at the ge of 15 in the mid 1960s he ·ent to live in New York City. Then, as now, fast-talking, treet-wise, audacious, and not ·ithout considerable charm, he ·as deported four years later.

Today, Lehder is 36 and the United States would like him ack. For he is not only olombia's most wanted fugiive, but also the man the United States most wants to ·xtradite. President Belisario Betancur Cuartas is finally eady to oblige. Earlier this nonth he signed a long list of extraordinary orders with "Carlitos" at the top of the list.

The teenage Lehder was thrown out of the United States after being accused of trying to import 200 pounds of marijuana. That charge was never proved, but the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has since accumulated a bulging file of evidence that Lehder subsequently rose to become one of the top *capos* (hoods) in the Colombian *marijuana and cocaine* smuggling network.

Betancur's signing of the extradition orders against Lehder and other top *mafiosas* was the second shot in Colombia's suddenly explosive "drug war."

The opening shot came in April 30, when a chauffeur-driven limousine was sprayed with automatic fire by the pillion-passenger on a high-speed motorcycle. The target, a sitting-duck in the back seat – the racketeer's sworn enemy, Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla, aged 38.

The assassination was regarded as an open act of war against the state by the Colombian *mafiosas*. Men like Lehder, who has indulged his fortune in numerous public works in Armenia and his own neo-fascist political movement; or Pablo Escobar, of Medellin, the second city, and the racketeers' financial centre, who has imported plane loads of lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes and kangaroos for the most extravagent safari park in South America; or the Ochoa clan, of the Caribbean region, who buy and breed the finest *caballos de paso* (trotting horses) to be found on the continent.

The *mafiosas* observed Enrique Santos Calderon, a columnist on the respected Bogota daily *El Tiempo*, seemed suddenly bent on "subverting and destablizing the state. Unlike countries like Italy and the US where mafia strives to work within the institutions and avoid excessive provocations, the Columbian mafia . . . has launched the greatest challenge imaginable to the state apparatus".

Two days after the assassination, Betancur himself received a death threat which aides treated seriously. A crude paste-up of letters from newspaper headlines, it taunted: "Careful – it isn't over." Betancur flushed red with anger when he read it and then said firmly: "I await them."

The trauma of political assassination is engraved on the Colombian consciousness. In 1948 the populist leader of the Liberal Party was murdered in Bogota, causing a decade of civil conflict between Liberals and Conservatives in which an estimated 300,000 were killed. The military staged a coup in 1953 but it took them five years to quell *La Violencia* as the conflict was aptly known.

The state of siege imposed by the armed forces in 1953 has, except for brief periods, been kept in force ever since by civilian rulers. Betancur, a Christian Democrat who won on the Conservative ticket in 1982, was determined to rule without repressive powers.

For a while it looked as though he might manage it. Opinion polls consistently showed him to be the most popular president in polling history, with widespread support for his bold amnesty offer to the nation's assorted communist and nationalist guerrilla groups, the most active in South America, *while energetically* pushing the Contadora group's peace efforts in Central America.

But in March a wave of ferocious guerrilla actions in southern Colombia forced Betancur to impose a state of siege in four departments. What triggered the violence appears to have been a successful raid, ordered by Lara, on a massive cocaine-processing plant deep in the jungles of Caqueta department. The plant had been guarded by guerrillas receiving protection money and sophisticated arms from the *narcotrafficantes* under a marriage of convenience.

With the justice minister's assassination, Betancur had no choice but to extend the state of siege throughout the nation. Suddenly his critics on the extreme right, who have always regarded him as a closet socialist, were sniping that Colombia was collapsing into the kind of chaos known in Chile under Salvador Allende.

The state of siege gives the security forces wide powers and allows suspected racketeers to be held without bail and to be tried before military courts.

Since Lara's murder there *have been several raids* on the racketeers' homes and estates, the takeover of vast coca and marijuana plantations, the discovery of more cocaine-processing laboratories, the confiscation of arms, helicopters and planes employed in the racket, as well as hundreds of arrests, though the top *capos* remain at large.

Commenting on this burst of unprecedented activity, columnist Santos Calderon said: "If the people now detained or on the run were already known, if what they were up to, the locations of their mansions, haciendas, and businesses were also known, then why was no action taken earlier?" Good question, the conclusion of a journalist sympathetic to the Betancur administration: "It needed the corpse of a minister of justice to do so."

Colombia's attitude towards the racket has always been distinctly ambivalent. When it first took root almost a decade ago, the then president raged at Washington, "We are not corrupting you. It is you who are corrupting us." There was something in that then.

It was North American criminals, their know-how, and money, which first established the "Colombian connexion". But they underestimated their Colombian partners who soon cut them out. Indeed, today the DEA says that Colombians not only control the racket throughout South America but, as a result have taken over the action in much of the US.

Over the years, as the racket grew ever more powerful – currently a \$1.5bn a year business – both Colombians and their government chose to look the other way. A popular argument was that it was an American problem. If a vast demand for drugs did not exist in the US there would be no demand . . . If US courts prosecuted drug users as well as traffickers, the racket could be smashed overnight.

One distinguished Colombian economist argued persuasively that marijuana but not cocaine should be legalized in both Colombia and the US to restore some kind of financial order to the chaos. But with Ronald Reagan in the White House that never looked feasible and anyway, increasingly the name of the game is cocaine.

Before Lara's killing, even Betancur, whose personal integrity was never been questioned, seemed reluctant to tackle the racket head on. After the assassination he did a complete u-turn on a 1979 extradition treaty with the US which he had pledged never to enforce. One wild theory popular in some Bogota bars because of its sweet logic is that the assassination was, of course, "a CIA plot" designed to force the government to start extraditing Lehder, Escobar and the rest to the US.

However, few doubt that the plot was hatched somewhere within the ranks of the *mafiosas*, who had become enraged by the contemptuous way Lara talked of them while exposing how "hot moneys" had permeated virtually every sector of national life from politics to professional soccer. For them it had become a personal matter of honour, an old score to settle before Lara left the country, and the risks did not matter.

Meanwhile, the big *capos* are lying low, calculating probably correctly that the current intense campaign against them will eventually die down. If not, they threaten to close down some 1,800 businesses in which they own the controlling interest, so further exacerbating chronic unemployment, and to step up arms and "narcodollars" to the guerrillas. On the black market in Bogota the dollar has soared an unprecedented 50 per cent above the official exchange rate.

Lehder and Escobar have disappeared to bide their time. The former has reportedly fled to Peru with, as always, a case-full of Beatles cassettes, while Escobar is hunting exotic animals in the dense jungles of the El Choco department bordering Panama.

however . . . **Russell Davies**

Chapter and verse to Strasbourg

The Italian novelist and critic Alberto Moravia, so Monday's *Times* informs us, is to stand as a communist candidate in the forthcoming Euro-elections. What the item fails to mention is that many of our own famous writers are throwing their hats, gauntlets, wigs etc into the ring on this occasion. The following is an impartial selection from the leaflets and manifestos they have supplied to the electorate.

KINGSLEY AMIS (Conservative Really, But With Liberal Bits Candidate, South London): "I was standing in front of the mirror this morning doing my Saint-Sebastian-being-offered-a-very-tiny-Scotch-and-soda face when it occurred to me, Christ, if this were France, which, from most points of view, we can be bloody grateful it isn't, the pubs would be open, or what pass for pubs, and we'd all be able to pile in there and order up a large mug of rendered-down aniseed balls, and the more I thought about that, and their women in particular, with that gargling voice they all have and all those perfumes with names like *Miss Poncy* and *Bonjour Richesse*, the more I thought about all that, the more I thought what a shifty shower the continentals have always been. But by the time I'd shaved and done my John-Gielgud-sitting-on-something-sharp face, which seems to come naturally as the aftershave goes on, it was too late to do any work so I wrote my drink article for *Wag* magazine. You can vote for all that if you like."

JAMES HERRIOT (End Feline Enteritis Now Candidate, Darrowby and the Nicer Dales): "I *knelt carefully down* in the straw and blew gently into the old sow's ear. She stirred slightly and whinnied. Something was certainly wrong. Shining my torch into the hairy orifice, I saw the truth – a foreign object, quite large and dark, made of cloth perhaps, or felt, had become lodged in the old girl's earhole, or auditorium as we veterinary surgeons call it. Silently, I beckoned to Monsieur Desgranges, and he came looming out of the shadow. 'Look at this, monsieur,' I said gravely. 'I think it is – a beret.' Even in the flickering lamplight I could see him blush. Then, with a sudden jerk his arm round and, with a cry, he struck me full in the temple with a heavy bunch of onions. In the hospital, I awoke with the conviction that this sort of thing is going to happen more and more if we go into the Common Market. Vote for me anyway, because there are plenty more stories where this one came from."

THOMAS HARDY: (Pessimist, Wessex):

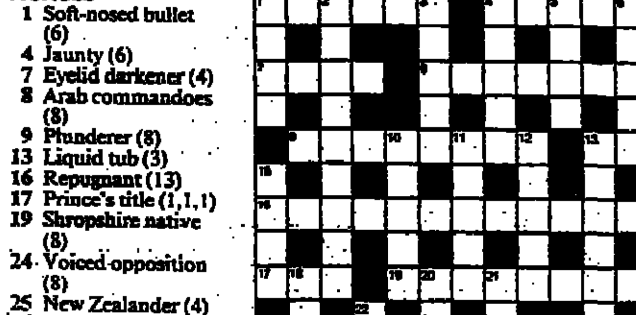
"The grey smoke rises from the fire
Where old Tom's trousers burn
And Tom, who did not 'scape the pyre,
Reposes in an urn.
His grief-mad wife stands smiling by
With John, his cross-eyed son;
The darkling heavens gently cry
To see the deed is done.
Tom's three-legg'd dog, the aged Tray,
Will soon lie 'neath yon tree.
The wind that bears the smoke away
Is whisp'ring 'Vote for Me'."

AGATHA CHRISTIE (Fatalist, Dedham Vale): "I expect you're wondering why I've gathered you all here. Well, it's really very simple. Murder is always simple, isn't it? No, I'd be obliged if you didn't interrupt me - this is something I think you should know. All of you. But of course, one of you knows already. Is it perhaps you, Colonel Heinrich, with your monocle and your brush-cut chest-hair and your perpetual slice of Black Forest gateau? Or you, Signor Luigi, with your loud songs and your chianti bottle and your suitcase full of forged raffle tickets for the earthquake fund? Or perhaps it was you, Professeur André, with your horsemeat steak and unconvincing chips? It could not, of course, have been M. Poirot, unless - AAGH! Vote Christie and learn the answer to the riddle of The Night of the Butter Mountain!"

A. A. MILNE (Ever So Independent, Pooh Corner):

"How far to Europe, Christopher Robin?"
"Terribly far, terribly far".
"Is it a long *way, Christopher Robin?"*
"Terribly far", said he.
"What is a Europe, Christopher Robin?"
"Sort of a tree, sort of a tree."
"What do they do there, Christopher Robin?"
"Blowed if I know", said he.
"Do they dance round it, Christopher Robin?"
"Only in May, only in May."
"Why do they bother, Christopher Robin?"
"Give it a rest", said he.
"Who will you vote for, Christopher Robin?"
"Never you mind, never you mind."

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25 New Zealander (4)
26 Stiffen (6)
27 Show clearly (6)

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5 Knock out (4)
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11 Diagonal weave (5)
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14 Shoe stretcher (4)
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WEDNESDAY PAGE









Jubilate! Bessie Bunter is bouncing back

The classic schoolgirl stories of bygone days are inching back into fashion after two decades in the doldrums.

The return of the plucky, sporting, boarding school heroine is the subject of an exhibition, Jolly Hockey Sticks, which opens today at the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood. It is devoted to putting on view the schoolgirl in a good many of her more colourful incarnations.

The bulk of the exhibits – school stories from the 1880s to the present day – come from the Renier Collection, a vast assembly of children's books and related items donated to the Victoria & Albert Museum in 1970 and now accommodated at Neil House in Whitechapel.



Included in the collection is a good range of inspiriting works with titles like *The Fifth Form Rivals* and *The Best Bat in the School*, all testifying to the taste for high jinks which overtook girls' fiction in the middle of the century. But by the mid-1960s these stories seemed all but defunct, with only one survivor from the past, Elinor Brent-Dyer, composing stories in the old mode. It was always this author's custom to satisfy the demand for alarming events, and one of her late *Chalet* books contains a thunderstorm, two floods and a green dye which falls on someone's head.

Undoubtedly excitements such as these contributed to the stories' popularity. Enid Blyton, too, has never lacked a following for her tales of Malory Towers and St Clare's (the last published in 1951). But neither of these writers was at all attuned to progressive requirements in children's fiction. To reflect the conditions of ordinary insalubrious life had become something of a moral obligation.

Where did it all start? Gillian Avery, in *Childhood's Pattern*, reminds us that the term "schoolgirl" was current as early as 1801; but it wasn't until nearly a century later that it began to acquire the connotations it has today.

The Fortunes of Philippa, published in 1906, is significant: if Angela Brazil didn't exactly invent the genre, she certainly supplied its most striking effects. The Brazil schoolgirl, who came kitted out with "a pile of new books, a chest-expander and a hockey stick", was ready to welcome new experiences such as falling in a tub of mud and spoiling her clothes, and soon picked up the correct method of expressing herself: " 'Jubilate! What a frolicsome joke!' she exclaimed."

It took the liberating influence of the First World War to get the last trace of sedateness out of girls' books. It offered so many opportunities for exorbitant adventure and affecting betrayals of trust that the school story was never quite the same again.

Books and annuals were suddenly full of dramatic expulsions, semi-expulsions and very close shaves, with the sentence being rescinded only in the last few pages as the facts emerged.

Circumstances sometimes caused the heroine's behaviour to appear blacker than it was. We remember the case of Agatha Wallet, the fourth former sacked from Hill Crest for leading the entire school out to skate on a frozen meadow in defiance of an edict ordering them all to bed ("We do not mean to submit to this frantic unfairness"). She was reprieved, unlike awful Anita Lyon, justly ejected for depriving the school of its supper: she hid the frying pans for a prank on cook.

Girls in the works of Winifred Darch, Dorita Fairlie Bruce, Elsie Oxenham, Elinor Brent-Dyer and others were for ever being cut off (by the tide), or cut up (at someone's deplorable conduct); and an urgent topic of the day was the question of whether or not a character was cut out to make a topping head girl.

Schools in the 1920s became dreadfully prone to outbreaks of inappropriate behaviour, including snobbishness and smoking, and several societies were founded to put things right ("We can call ourselves the Secret Seven"). The honour of the school was a cherished concept, and no one was more fervently reviled than the person who failed to uphold it. (Sporting! You don't know what the word means.")

The weekly story papers of Northcliffe's Amalgamated Press flourished during the 1920s and 1930s, the opposition of parents and teachers notwithstanding. In fact, the exploits of the *School Friend* and *Schoolgirls' Own* contingent of characters are only slightly more flighty and improbable than schoolgirl adventures recounted elsewhere.

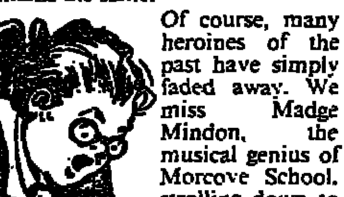
If an incipient romance gets into one of the stories, as sometimes happens, it is presented with the fullest circumspection: "I say, might I trot by the side of your bicycle as far as the gates of Cliff House School?" Lord Northcliffe, in the interests of decorum, even banned the word "rotten" from his girls' weeklies at one point.

Boarding schools were enclaves of social privilege (a fact not stressed in many of the traditional stories, where the benefits they offer are simply taken for granted). It took another world war to get the beginnings of a slighly more proletarian spirit into girls' school fiction, and in fact it wasn't until quite recently that the democratic impulse threatened to overwhelm the genre.

The return to favour of the classic story is well illustrated by the success of Ann Digby's "Trebizon" series, which began in 1978 and now includes eight titles. Among other things, these books show that a traditional framework isn't necessarily at odds with a present-day spirit: the heroine boards at single-sex Trebizon, for example, because her oil-expert father is working abroad – no longer in the outposts of Empire, but with the Saudis.

Other contemporary writers have had a good deal of fun with the doings of emphatic schoolgirls at mixed-sex schools. Jan Marks's Eileen (in a story called *Chutzpah*) campaigns for women's rights in the comprehensive classroom, while Gene Kemp's heroine in *The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler*, ends extravagantly by raising the school roof.

Peter Glidewell's stories of St Ursula's, first produced for BBC TV and now selling in book form, are almost indistinguishable from the real period piece; and Denise Deegan's school send-up, *Daisy Pulls It Off*, was voted London's top comedy last year. Publisher John Goodchild has recently revived all nine of Dorita Fairlie Bruce's "Dimsie" books, the first of which dates from the early 1920s. True, they have been subjected to discreet updating. Girls no longer "funk", but "chicken-out": the Cambridge locals have become O and A-levels: and Dimsie's unfortunate mother now falls from grace because of shoplifting, instead of cheating at cards. But the mood of buoyancy remains the same.



Of course, many heroines of the past have simply faded away. We miss Madge Mindon, the musical genius of Morcove School, strolling down to the nets, "cricket bat in hand . . . whistling a César Franck sonata"; and Diana Royston-Clarke, the Stormy Petrel of the Cliff House Fourth. Dimsie and Daisy are gamely carrying on, however. And those of us nostalgic for "hockey on the halfers" now have an entire exhibition to gratify our singular taste.

Patricia Craig and Mary Cadogan

Jolly Hockey Sticks, May 30-September 30. Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2.

Delightful company of green leaves

THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole

Never mind the vitamins, taste the greens. Enjoy leaves for their own sake as well as your health's. Take spinach, a vegetable which has recovered successfully from the old-fashioned boil-it-to-rags school of cookery. No longer is it a khaki pap distinguishable from tinned baby food only by the strength of its seasoning. Spinach is a star.

And one of its star qualities, a surprisingly unsung virtue, is that it smells so much better than any member of the cabbage family while cooking. Then there is its handsome deep green colour, slightly iodine taste and when lightly cooked, its tender – not slithery – texture.

At this time of year,very young spinach leaves make good salads, especially if the distinctive taste of the greenstuff is complimented with a robust but not overpowering dressing.

Dressings made with nut oils, especially walnut, go well with spinach, but perhaps best of all is an olive oil and lemon juice dressing which is loaded with finely chopped fresh garlic. Older, tougher spinach (and also spring greens) can be cut in narrow ribbons and marinated for an hour or two in this dressing before serving.

Spinach always seems to be the most frequently ordered vegetable in Italian restaurants, and with ricotta, the bland, almost sweet curd cheese widely used in Italian cooking, makes a popular stuffing for a variety of pasta shapes. Spinach and ricotta mixtures flavoured with different combinations of herbs and spices make moist, summery stuffings for a variety of birds too. For quail, poussin, guinea fowl or small chickens insert the stuffing between the skin and breast meat.

The same stuffing also tastes and looks good as one of the layers in a ballotine or galatine of duck or chicken to be served hot or cold.

Spinach and ricotta stuffing
Quantity, see method

450g (1 lb) fresh spinach
15 g (½ oz) butter
1 shallot, finely chopped
225 g (8 oz) ricotta cheese
1 small egg, beaten
4 tablespoon finely chopped fresh coriander, parsley, or mixed herbs
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Freshly grated nutmeg

Wash the spinach in several changes of cold water to remove all earth and grit. Remove any very coarse stems. Blanch the leaves for two minutes in a large pan of boiling water, refresh them under cold water to preserve the colour, and drain them well. To eliminate most of the moisture from the spinach, wring it out with your hands or in a clean teacloth (the green staining washes out). Chop the spinach finely.

Melt the butter in a small pan and cook the chopped shallot in it until it is tender but not browned.

Combine the spinach, shallot, ricotta, and enough egg to make a stuffing which holds together, but is not wet. Stir in the parsley, coriander or mixed herbs, and salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste. The stuffing will keep for a day or so in the fridge.

This quantity is sufficient to stuff quail, six poussin, three or four guinea fowl, or two small chickens in the manner described.

Quail: brush with melted butter and roast in a preheated moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) for 15 to 20 minutes, basting them once or twice.

At the same oven heat, poussin will take 40 to 50 minutes depending on their size. Guinea fowl and small chickens will need 50 to 70 minutes depending on their size, again at the same temperature.

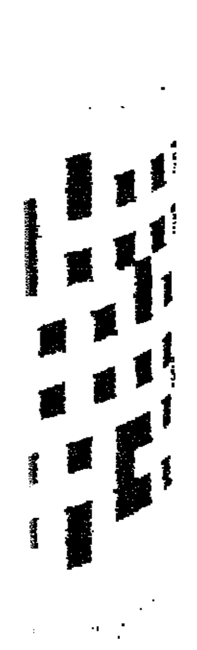
Creamed spinach which still has plenty of texture to it, is good accompaniment to plainly roasted or grilled meat or poultry which has no other sauce or gravy with it. To accompany grilled fish I think I prefer a small pat of butter on spinach which has been lightly cooked, but not chopped.

Creamed spinach
Serves four

900g (2lbs) fresh spinach
30g (1oz) butter
3 tablespoons double cream
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Freshly roasted and crushed coriander seeds, or grated nutmeg to taste

Wash the spinach thoroughly. Tear off and discard any large stalks or discoloured leaves. Pack the spinach into a large pan with a well fitting lid – adding no more water. Cook the spinach on a low heat, holding on the lid and shaking the pan vigorously to move the leaves about, until the spinach is tender. Refresh it in cold water to fix the colour, then drain it well. Wring out as much moisture as possible, using your bare hands or a tea-cloth, and chop the spinach coarsely.

Melt the butter in the saucepan and stir in the spinach. Add the cream and seasonings and heat through.



THE TIMES DIARY

Coldingley Coventry

In a prison letter passed to PHS, gangland leader Charlie Richardson, who is due out in six weeks after serving 17 years, has refuted a newspaper report that he had a "chinwag" with the spy Michael Bettaney in Coldingley Prison. *The Guardian* report last week stated: "Mr M. Bettaney's regime at Coldingley has relaxed just the tiniest bit. The other day he had a bit of a chinwag with Richardson . . . who doubtless filled in any gaps in Mr Bettaney's knowledge of BOSS undercover operations." However, a letter just written by Richardson (Number 605339), passed to me by a friend of his, dispels such a notion: ". . . So you read it in *The Guardian* that the spy Bettaney is in the block here. Yes. Correct. 15-minute watch. More security than Hess. 5 years debriefing. 5 years more to forget it. That will be his lot for the next decade, if he stands up to it. Martin never. I hear Bettaney is the most dangerous prisoner, ever to have been in UK jails. No other con (convict) will ever see him, let alone speak to him. Be plenty of briefcase visits for him. I shall think his lawyers will take his solitary confinement up at Strasbourg. They are taking the vetting of the jury to Strasbourg. I also sent letter to Strasbourg on my jury being vetted and asked them to rule it unconstitutional . . ."

● **After Frank Delaney's condemnation of Top of the Irish-type book lists as "coarse, vulgar and cheap", I hear that the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the *Australian Book Review* are to compile a list of the 10 greatest Australian works since the war. Nominations on a postage stamp, please.**

Silver wraith

As Buckingham Palace refused to comment yesterday on reports that Prince Philip and Prince Charles have been using an ouija board in an attempt to contact Lord Mountbatten, the Marchioness of Tavistock emerged from the supernatural closet. She tells me she has been in contact with a medium in her quest to recover the £5m worth of silver recently stolen from her Woburn Abbey home. The Marchioness says the medium, who spent some hours in a number of Woburn's rooms, has identified the size, sexes and ages of the gang, and has said it will take two years to recover the haul. "I can't say any more in case it tips off the robbers", she says.

BARRY FANTONI



'Apart from Johnny Francom e's mount who do you fancy?'

On his mettle

The rumoured fear and trepidation cabinet ministers have of "she who must be obeyed" has just been confirmed. Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, was asked at a Commons Select Committee on the £1bn spent on research and development, if he had sought a personal view from his leader. "I avoid discussing this with the Prime Minister", replied a sheepish Walker, "she has a science degree and I don't". I am told it brought the house down.

● **Is St Paul's School trying to sniff out the odd polygamist among its old boys – or is it the ubiquitous Arab influence? An indignant OB has sent me a copy of the form designed to update the register. Under the marriage section, Old Paulines are asked to supply "Name(s) of wife (or wives) in full."**

Yam-yam

Far from a hostile reception. Lord Scarman has just returned to the Railton Road "frontline" to be greeted like a long-lost friend. He was there to go walkabout for a film, *Brixton Revisited*, to be shown on Channel 4 in September. So warm was the welcome, the Afro-Caribbean Club even invited him to join its management board, an invitation he accepted. Lord Scarman must be smacking his lips over the menu being prepared for his first club lunch – fried kingfish and yam and banana dumplings.

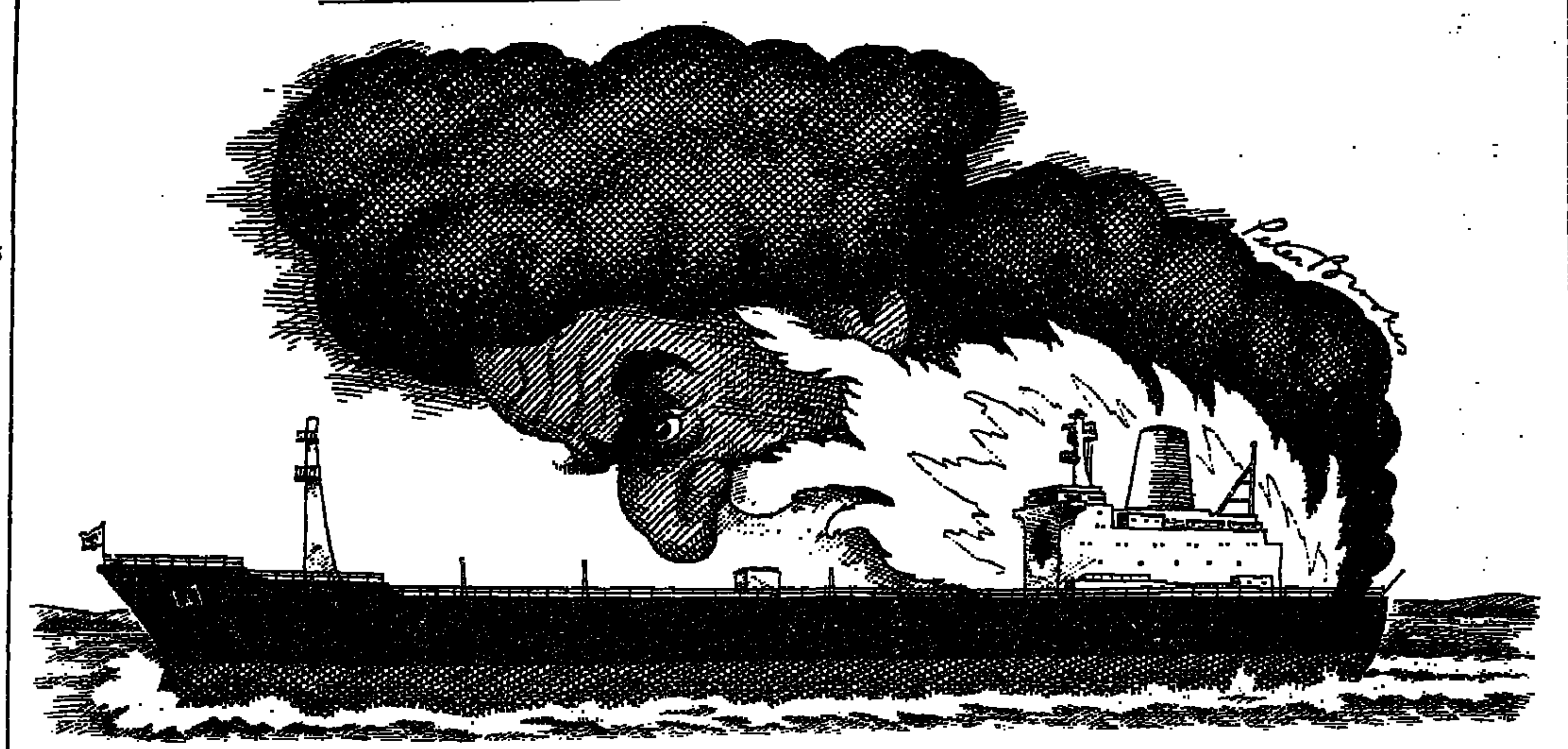
Third opinion

Stethoscopes are flying at Greenham Common. After my report on Rage – Ratepayers Against Greenham Encampments, led by local retired GP Tom Gibson – 12 Oxford doctors and medical workers have got together to launch a counter-attack. They sent a long declaration to the *Newbury Weekly News* dissociating themselves from Dr Gibson. Another retired Newbury GP, Deborah Bradley-Moore, is unimpressed. In a letter she says: "Doctors know no more of nuclear policies than any other thinking people." Quite so.

PHS



Robert Fisk on the high stakes of policing the Gulf



Can Reagan really quench the flames?

Bahrain

You can see the measure of Washington's involvement in the Gulf war just 20 miles out to sea from Qatar. Each evening, a clutch of tankers moves up through the dusk haze. Beside them is the thin grey shape of an American warship.

This unofficial and unacknowledged protection is given no publicity in Washington, nor among the Arab states along the southern shore of the Gulf – coinciding with their own desire to keep American ships over the horizon – but it exists none the less.

Sometimes the escort is provided by the USS John Rodgers, a sleek, twin-funnelled missile cruiser that last defended American interests by bombarding the Chouf mountains of central Lebanon. At other times the USS Boone, a squat and rather cumbersome flat-topped missile carrier, comes up from the United Arab Emirates and rests by night at Bahrain. Anyone who approaches the warships by day will see a steel-helmeted US sailor emerge by the deck rail to man a fixed heavy machine gun. After all, these are dangerous waters the Americans are now charting.

As the Iranian and Iraqi armies prepare to enter another bloody round of fighting around the southern Iraqi city of Basra, however, President Reagan's expressed determination to stay out of the Gulf war looks ever more hopeless. American and British military instructors in the Gulf states simply do not believe that their wards are capable of serious opposition if the Iranians attack them.

Stinger missiles may give Saudi Arabia some moral prestige within the defence committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council, but it will take months to train the Saudi army to use the new weapons. The Omanis, with their British-trained navy, can field two powerful new patrol craft fitted with Exocet missiles, but the Arab states of the southern Gulf could make only a lamentable attempt to defend their shipping lanes if the Iranians decided to redouble their air strikes against oil tankers.

It is for this reason that the Americans are talking more and more about airborne "support" for the Saudi air force – a euphemism that at present covers AWACS reconnaissance aircraft and the possibility of KC-135 refuelling tankers for the Saudis' F-15 jets – but which could in future include US fighter patrols over the southern half of the Gulf from the USS Kittyhawk and the Seventh Fleet in the Indian Ocean.

USAF cargo jets are already flying regularly into the airports of the Gulf states, carrying equipment so bulky that they have been forced to deploy their giant C-48 droop-wing transports. Royal Navy units still regularly put into Bahrain, but their visits – which only a couple of years ago were expatriate cocktail affairs – have now taken on a grim new significance.

The Americans believe that the British should support them in the Gulf. The British, with equally little publicity and even less enthusiasm, have been talking privately about the supply of missiles to the Gulf states – with or without military personnel to fire them – or perhaps even the stationing of an RAF squadron, presumably in Oman, if overt American intervention becomes inevitable.

All this would have to be presented to the world in terms of commitment. The Americans are committed to maintaining the Gulf sea lanes. They are committed, more or less, to the preservation of those whom President Reagan describes as "our Arab friends", a definition which no longer includes Lebanon but which very definitely embraces the conservative oil states of the Gulf peninsula.

If the Americans do become involved, then the Arab states will be portrayed as the innocent party in the dispute: the Iranians, inevitably, will be the enemy. Is it not their aircraft, their regime and ultimately their ideology that threatens the security of the area?

The trouble is that this is not quite what is happening. It was Iraq that started the Gulf war, and it was Iraq which first ordered its air force to attack oil tankers in the Gulf as they manoeuvred off the Iranian oil terminal at Kharg Island.

In the autumn of 1980, when it seemed certain that Ayatollah Khomeini's regime would collapse in anarchy under the onslaught of the Iraqi army around Abadan, the Arab states of the Gulf – those very nations which now seek UN censure of Iran for its air attacks on the shipping lanes – were enthusiastically pouring billions of dollars into Iraq's war funds.

But Iran's Islamic revolution proved more powerful than Saddam Husain's brutal dictatorship. The Gulf states are today stapling their hopes to the abortive peace missions to Tehran and Riyadh undertaken by Syria – the one Arab country which can gain prestige from the whole war because it very shrewdly decided at the beginning that its Baathist enemies in Baghdad rather than Khomeini's mullahs might prove to be the losers.

The failure of the Gulf states to draw the same conclusion four years ago has now led to an almost schizophrenic policy that is as impossible to follow as it will be to justify in historical terms.

The Kuwaitis, who once denounced any proposed foreign intervention on Gulf soil, had by last November reached the conclusion that the defence of the Straits of Hormuz was the responsibility of the countries that benefited from it – in other words, the West. Last week, Shaikh Ahmed Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, was being quoted in the Beirut newspaper *An Nahar* as saying that the Gulf was an "international" region in which he could not object to foreign intervention.

Then, three days ago, Kuwait's ambassador to Washington was warning against American involvement in the Gulf on the grounds that this might "prompt the Soviet Union to enter the area". This is a strange observation to come from Kuwait, the only Gulf state to permit a Soviet embassy in its capital and the country which had been hoping that Soviet goodwill might be used on behalf of the Gulf states at the UN Security Council.

The Saudis, on the other hand, are still fearful of any American presence in the Gulf. US bases on Gulf territory would run counter to the anti-Israeli crusade still ostentatiously carried on by the Gulf shaikdoms, while a prolonged American presence could quickly ignite the sort of fires that brought ruin upon both the Americans and their client government in Lebanon. President Reagan's strategic cooperation agreement with Israel has not been forgotten in the Gulf – and it was Israel which added its own fuel to the Gulf war by supplying arms to Saddam Husain's Iranian enemy.

Indeed, the superpowers, should they come into collision over the Gulf, will have helped to bring disaster upon themselves. The Soviets, after watching the destruction of the Tudeh Communist Party in Tehran, have been sending massive new tank shipments to the Iraqis. The Israelis have given considerable quantities of small arms and ammunition to the Iranians. So have the Syrians. The French supplied Exocet missiles to the Iraqis, while the North Koreans sold Soviet rifles to Iran.

The Americans have been quietly reestablishing their relations with Baghdad – building up a large "interests section" in the Belgian embassy there – at the very moment when Saddam Hussain most needs the moral support of a western power. At a time when the Iraqis were reported to be hanging deserters along the roadside outside Baghdad, George Bush, the American vice-president, was in Pakistan denouncing Iran's "oppressive regime".

The Americans are still hoping that intervention in the Gulf war, whatever form it might take, will come after rather than before the November presidential elections. Such involvement, of course, would have its advantages for all. The conflict is a distraction from the Arab-Israeli dispute. The Israelis have watched the Arabs destroying themselves along the Iranian frontier, while Arab antagonism against Israel has assumed a secondary position in the Gulf.

An American military role in the region would further this process. It would also buttress Saddam Husain and, temporarily at least, put some backbone into the Gulf states. It might help to rekindle Iranian support for a war that has taken so dreadful a toll in Iranian lives, just as the American presence in Lebanon re-awakened the animosity of the Shia Muslim militias after the war with Israel. The Soviets would be pleased to see the Americans plunging into a new potential fiasco.

For a few months, American military personnel in the Gulf region, alongside the French and perhaps the British – the old allies of the Beirut multinational force – might allow Mr Reagan to "stand tall" again. After that, the "forgotten war" in the Gulf might turn out to be the one Middle East conflict that the world will always remember.

Why another Italian government could fall to P2

Rome

The writing on the wall behind the unseasonally rain-beaten market stalls states peremptorily: "Longo must go."

The reference is to Pietro Longo, Italian Minister for the Budget and leader of the Social Democrats, for his alleged involvement in the "Propaganda Two" masonic lodge, whose members included Michele Sindona, the imprisoned former financial adviser to the Vatican, and Roberto Calvi, the banker who was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge.

The P2 scandal has alredy brought down one government and ended the careers of a number of public figures. Now, as the Communists demand Longo's resignation, it could threaten Signor Bettino Craxi's coalition.

Earlier this month the press received leaked copies of a draft report by Signora Tina Anselmi, the Christian Democrat who chairs the parliamentary commission of inquiry into the P2 affair. It asserted that the lists of 962 supposed members of the banned lodge appeared to be substantially correct. Longo's name was on the lists, but he has always denied membership.

The lists were discovered in March 1981 after a search of the villa at Arezzo belonging to Licio Gelli, former venerable master of the P2 lodge and now, according to his son, hiding in South America after his escape from a Swiss prison last August on the eve of his extradition. According to the lists, membership of the lodge included the then head of the armed forces, the heads of the secret services, the editor at the time of the *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's best known newspaper, as well as financiers and businessmen.

On May 10, after the Anselmi draft report appeared in the press, Longo and the two other Social Democrat ministers offered their resignations. They were refused.

Craxi was preparing for the national congress of his own Socialist Party, opening at Verona two days later, and there were rumours that the whole affair was a plot by the Christian Democrats to embarrass him at a time when he was looking forward to his triumphal appearance as the first socialist to lead an Italian government.

The 40 members of the commission, drawn from both houses of parliament and representing virtually all shades of opinion, meanwhile expressed unanimous support for Signora Anselmi.

Longo (left): continued denials even though his name was on the lists. Craxi: already vulnerable, but many believe he will be hard to shift

In her report, Signora Anselmi links plotting within P2 with both right and left-wing terrorism. This view was supported last week by Ranaldo Forlani, the Christian Democrat deputy prime minister – whose own government fell in June 1981 after the discovery of the P2 lists – who connected the lodge with the kidnapping and murder in 1978 of Aldo Moro, the Christian Democrat leader.

The Longo affair is also important for its possible effect on Craxi's five-party coalition, which has been in office since August and approaching is the average term of post-war Italian governments. Even pre-Longo, there were suggestions that it would not long survive the European elections in mid-June.

One reason is Craxi's methods. Unlike most Italian politicians he is totally direct. Before becoming prime minister he had had no direct experience of government of any kind.

On several occasions he has expressed his impatience with parliament – a view also implicit in his statements on the Alselmi report. He is witheringly anti-communist, and there can have been few occasions since the war when the personal relations between the prime minister and the leader of the Communist Party – Italy's second largest – were so bad. He does not seek to be loved and in no way enjoys the popularity of his immediate predecessor, Giovanni Spadolini, the Republican leader who legislated the dissolution of P2.

Signor Longo nevertheless continued his attacks on his critics, calling into question alliances at local government level with the Communists. The Social Democrat newspaper *L'Umanita* publicly threatened to raise an alleged early sympathy for fascism on the part of Giovanni Spadolini. The Republican leader rejected the move as "a Mafia-style menace", and at this point most people, including the prime minister, felt that strains among political friends had gone far enough.

Yet there is a widespread feeling that his presence will last and that his party is the movement of the future. His decisiveness and frankness are therefore seen by many as a strength, and even the persistent cartoons which show him in a black shirt posing as a new Mussolini seem to do him no harm. His close associates say that his brusque manner does not mean he is by nature authoritarian.

Even the communists admit that if he falls there is little practical alternative to another coalition alliance between the Socialists and Christian Democrats. This will be still more the case if the Socialists do well, as they expect, in the European elections. Having been prime minister, Craxi could refuse to enter a coalition unless he was again the leader, even though his party is much smaller that the Christian Democrats. Any attempted understanding between Christian Democrats and Communists looks remote in the present state of East-West relations.

The Communists have nevertheless kept up their attacks on Craxi personally and on his government. Two months ago they organized a protest march of almost a million against his anti-inflation decree, while in parliament they used every form of obstruction permitted by the liberal regulations to prevent approval of the decree within the time limit. As a result, the decree had to be re-introduced and went throught only after the government called two votes of confidence in 48 hours.

The Communists' tactics over the decree stiffened internal loyalties within the coalition. The Longo case is different. The Communist demand for his dismissal is unlikely to have the same effect, and it is always easier to attack an individual minister rather than a piece of legislation.

The unknown factor, however, and the most fascinating, is whether the public sees membership of P2 as something to be condemned out of hand. The final report of the Anselmi commission, due on July 15, could change general attitudes, but so far the electorate has shown no tendency to punish parties represented in the lodge or particularly reward those outside.

Peter Nichols

Robin Cook

Forget 1830, let's have an 18.30

At the weekend I found myself listening with no real excuse to a radio interview with a Ms Chrissie Hynde, whom I now know to be a pop singer who had the good sense to leave America and settle over here. When invited to explain why she had found Britain more attractive, high among her reasons was the following encomium. "There was your mass transportation systems. I found I could travel anywhere. I felt like I was free."

Ms Hynde, it will be appreciated, was speaking of her arrival in the early 1970s as an impecunious arts graduate, and her reliance on the mass transportation system has no doubt been blunted by commercial success. However, in the month when British Rail has made deep cuts into its off-peak Southern Region services, her refreshing enthusiasm should remind us of what we now are at risk of losing.

Three years ago British Rail produced a statement of its priorities and policies for the 1980s. The document was ebullient about the potential for a modern rail business if BR could secure enough investment to match changing demands. This optimism was balanced by a grim appreciation of the bleak outlook for the railways if that investment was not forthcoming.

"The watershed year is 1983. If major expenditure on replacement is not started by then, the inevitable consequence will be a rapid rundown of the whole railway system", it said. As both track and stock aged and creaked, "rail travel will become less predictable, less reliable, less saleable".

The Government's response was to commission the Serpell Report to devise defences against the rigorous logic of BR's case for more money, a ruse which backfired when Serpell's analysis proved painfully amateurish. Not even the Department of Transport was able to swallow a forecast profit of £10m in rail freight when it was accompanied by a proposed network in which no coalfield was linked by rail to a power station.

Undeterred by its failure to find a coherent case to support its prejudice, the Government docked a quarter of the public subsidy for the railways. At the same time, the Transport Secretary instructed BR to achieve "reliable, attractive and punctual services at acceptable fares". In the watershed year of 1983 investment was two fifths down on the level identified by the board as the essential minimum.

Yet rail remains the mode of transport best suited to provide mass transit at least social and environmental cost. Over the short commuter sprints rail can handle the sudden surge of peak flows with least congestion. Over the longer inter-city hauls it provides greater comfort than any alternative.

It demands less land than any form of road transport, a point confirmed by the recent discovery that it is not possible to convert railways to busways by the primitive expedient of concreting over the tracks, as the buses require more space. Freight wagons do not sap our historic buildings and older bridges through the vibration caused by the road juggernauts, and trains still offer the safest method of travel available to the passenger at no danger to the pedestrian.

The perversity of British governments' failure to grasp this case for the railways is thrown into sharp relief when it is set against the manner in which our industrial competitors, and most Third World nations, are treasuring their rail networks. Sierra Leone is reported to be lifting more track than it is laying, but with that exception Britain's hostility to rail stands in embarrassing isolation. France is currently investing nearly three times as much as Britain in its network, and West Germany nearly six times as much.

Over the most recent six-year period Holland has virtually doubled its rail investment, and at one point Belgium, with one fifth of the track miles of Britain, was investing as much as Britain put into its entire network.

The journalist Richard Boston has attributed the idiosyncratic indifference of British government to its rail network to a conspiracy by politicians to avenge the shade of William Huskisson, former Colonial Secretary, who was run over at the opening of the Manchester-Liverpool line in 1830. This is not entirely convincing as it credits government with a consistent and sustained strategy, whereas in reality the greatest problem for the railways has been the switchback of annual changes in policy objectives and financial targets.

It appears possible, however, that Mrs Thatcher has heard of the fate of Huskisson because, while Prime Minister, she has seldom gone anywhere near a railway line.

It is of course a free country. Mrs Thatcher is entitled to eschew rail travel if she wishes. Her government, however, is not entitled to so throttle the cash flow of British Rail that she cheats the rest us of the freedom to choose rail travel. Or, indeed, to rob the next generation of American visitors of the liberating discovery that there can be life without the automobile.

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Digby Anderson

Good health to the dragon slayer

Who is to slay the dragon? For almost a year now the left-wing councils have been arguing how it should be done. There is now no chance of the terrible Thatcher abandoning her power and retiring to a cliff-top near Eastbourne or wherever the monster myths of the left go to die. Whoever would free the mightily oppressed people must slay the dragon.

Much of the talk has been of alliances. Professor Eric Hobsbawn has urged the extreme left to abandon, temporarily, its ideological purity and make common cause with the moderate left against the monstrous evil of Thatcherism. Mr Frank Field has mused on cooperation between Labour and the Alliance. But the most improbable suggestion, made recently, is that "single issue politics" might provide the formula to break the Thatcher thrall.

Their supposed attraction is that they can unite support across the political spectrum because they are, or appear, unpolitical. An article on environmental issues in the current *Sociological Review* suggests that Mr Des Wilson will promote lead-free petrol more easily than Shelter, the action group for the homeless, because it has a more neutral appeal, "as indeed do most subjects ostensibly medical". The campaigns for freedom of information and one-sided nuclear disarmament are further examples of movements which seek to unify support across the political divide.

A winning single issue deals, or appears to deal, in "facts", not political ideology. Its goal is something we all want: peace, truth, health. "We all" does not, of course, mean "all" but all *good* people. Single issues have their demons – a small selfish interest trying to prevent the achievement of what is clearly the public good. Thus the sociologists rehearse the formula that the lead-in-the-petrol oil companies want "profits at the expense of public health". Fie!

Mrs Thatcher is unlikely to be toppled by single issues, even under the seductive banner of health. But they offer a weapon to use against the true enemy, of which Thatcherism is merely a manifestation: capitalism. Better than any traditional, adenoidal denunciation of "capitalist exploitation" is an exposé, based on alleged scientific facts, showing how one industry or company is ruthlessly exterminating its workforce with the aid of fork-lift trucks or hay-balers, seducing defenceless consumers into heart disease with sweets and crisps or perpetual deafness through personal hi-fis and polluting the environment in a reckless thrust for profit.

Companies which can avoid charges of producing unhealthy products, unhealthy side-effects or unhealthy working conditions are not immune. Double-strength venom is reserved for advertisers and packagers who promote "unhealthy" goods. And any company shamed into closure and consequent redundancy by such revelations will not escape the jeremiad either: correlations have been established between unemployment and ill-health.

The solutions are as congenial as the exposés: more state control, regulation and supervisory quangos. Thus we find a recent *Lancet* article talking wistfully of intervention to coerce consumers into buying what nutritionists think is good for them by "taxes, subsidies, tariffs, commodity agreements, direct price-fixing" and legal controls.

The dilemma is that there are *genuine* public health issues which ought to be researched, exposed and resolved. If the ideologues take over health issues, these will be the first casualties. "For God's sake", pleaded one scientist, "don't write about us in the same column as the loonies." The long-term management of nuclear waste, sewage outfall near beaches and hazardous waste tipping are genuine environmental problems. There *is* unhealthy eating. But if health issues are politicized, the genuine problems will be written off with the others as the ravings of sandal-shod, yoghurt-crazed, bicycling activists.

When is a health issue genuine? There are two tests. First, the ideologues manipulate a list of health concerns: they wield a list when they want to emphasize its cumulative effect; it has to add up to an indictment of capitalism, "profits at the expense of health". But it must not be seen as a list of options which would elicit the response: "We obviously can't have the government intervening on all these issues; there is such a thing as a reasonable risk and the responsibility of the customer; only a few justify state intervention." That is not the intended reaction at all. That is why each case is presented singly.

Secondly, a manipulated health issue will exude socialist melodrama. The villain will be private-sector profits. No mention will be made of health and environmental problems in collectivist economies. The hero will be state intervention. No mention will be made of American research which suggests that extending private "property rights" over stretches of rivers may introduce incentives to reduce environmental damage. The victim will be the innocent consumer or worker. Occasionally it will be admitted that some consumers buy unhealthy goods of their own choice: otherwise they are bewitched by labels and commercials.

Finally, little attention will be paid to the costs of intervening to make products or working conditions healthier. This is the clearest sign of politicization; the stale whiff of irresponsible utopianism.

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FRIENDS BUT NOT ALLIES

Mr Ronald Reagan's homing visit to Ireland next weekend may not be the cloudless occasion first thought of.

Ireland is proud of its sons, however remote, who make good in a spectacular way elsewhere. America has been copious in the supply of unofficial aid at every stage of Ireland's national struggle. The great republic is still regarded by the little republic as the land most abundant in freedom and opportunity. President Reagan himself is said to have said it will be like coming home. So the conditions looked right for a vastly publicized event from which one party would harvest a lot of Irish-American votes and the other a lot of American tourists.

But now official Dublin is more than a little apprehensive. It is not the obvious difficulty of presenting Ballyporeen in an historic light that worries them – if paint can do it, it will have been done. It is rather that an articulate, determined, organized and probably small section of Irish opinion means to protest the visit, and especially the honours to be conferred on Mr Reagan, a doctorate of laws at the Galway college of the National University and an invitation to address both houses of parliament.

The grounds of protest are aspects of Mr Reagan's foreign and defence policies. The Irish church has strong missionary links with Central America and the Philippines. The sympathies of those in the field are with the peasantry and urban dispossessed and not with the regimes that the United States shores up. These views are shared back home. There is also an anti-nuclear movement in Ireland as elsewhere, though it has failed to interest the courts in blocking the arrival with the presidential party of the briefcase, locked to a human wrist, that allegedly contains the codes and instruments for ordering a nuclear bombardment.

Public demonstrations will be held. There is not expected to be serious disorder, let alone disorder beyond the capacity of the police to control. But enough will happen for the press and television, overpeopled and underfed with news, to pounce on it, to the detriment of the tourist board's image of Ireland of the Welcomes.

Dr FitzGerald has already warned of the danger in relation to tourism and US investment (Ir£4 billion, 350 factories, 37,000 jobs). He has appealed for observance of the courtesies and has undertaken to express to the President the concern felt by many Irish people about aspects of US policy in Central America, and his government's concern (made known also to the Russians) that negotiations on intermediate and strategic nuclear forces be resumed.

The authors of one of the many letters critical of the visit to have been published in the *Irish Times* wrote, in a revealing phrase, "as residents of a non-aligned state". That is not exactly how ministers would choose to describe Irish neutrality. They prefer to emphasize that the neutrality is of a strictly military kind, compatible with ideological commitment. "Our place in the world is among the democracies whose values we share", especially the democracies of western Europe and the North Atlantic basin.

Irish neutrality is no impediment to membership of the European Community and participation in the side of it which goes under the name of European political cooperation, including the political aspects of external security. But, it is claimed, neither Ireland's interests nor those of others are best served by its membership of Nato or any other military alliance. Irish ministers are particularly wary of any tendency for the Community to develope a military dimension.

Neutrality in this modified form is rooted in the Irish state. The independent foreign policy it makes room for was essential to the experience of autonomy assumed by the Irish Free State in 1922. It was proved in the Second World War, guarded by the subtle tenacity of Eamon de Valera. In the expanding context of the postwar United Nations neutrality has given Ireland an international role amply proportionate to its size and resources. It offers the occasional luxury, as at the time of the Falklands war, of a high-minded snub to the ancestral foe and closest partner. In some manifestations the neutrality reaches into neutralism, as the Reagan controversy illustrates. According to a recent opinion poll 84 per cent of the people are wedded to it.

As President Reagan leaves Ireland for the Normandy beaches the reflection may occur to him that his compatriots who fought there in 1944 made their first landfall in Europe two years earlier in the six counties of Northern Ireland, not in the part of the island whose hospitality he was tasting. De Valera was decidedly cool at the time about the arrival of foreign troops on separated Irish soil. In fact the Republic's cultivation of neutrality is one of the tendencies in its development that has contributed to the apartness of North and South, tendencies which Dr FitzGerald used to call partitionist in the days of his constitutional crusade.

It is with surprise therefore that one finds the report of the New Ireland Forum, which was dedicated to the search for bringing lasting peace and stability to Ireland by the only route known to nationalists, viz. political unification in some degree or other, had not a word to say about the reconciliation of the Republic's conception of its place in the world with that Ulster unionists have in common with the rest of the United Kingdom.

The only time in the last sixty years that Irish unification has actually been on the tapis (in the summer of 1940 when Churchill's war cabinet sought to buy Eire's entry into the war with a promise of unification made over the heads of the government of Northern Ireland) the exchange of neutrality for belligerency was a stumbling block. That of course was in the extremity of war. But even peace in Europe for nearly forty years cannot have so eroded the integrity of the Irish quarrel that what was vital then should be of no account today.

In fact fidelity to the alliance in which the territory of Northern Ireland is included is one, unmentioned, attribute of Ulster unionism for which, under the New Ireland rubric of mutual respect and acknowledgement, means of expression would have to be found. That is not on in a unitary or federal state of all Ireland, since no state can run two incompatible sets of external relations as a matter of settled principle, however much that may sometimes somewhere be the appearance of practice.

In a confederation, Dr FitzGerald's personally favoured option, foreign relations must pass to the central organs of government, where the price of trying to satisfy both components would be paralysis. The matter would create difficulty even within the artificial model of joint authority as sketched by the Forum, a fact which sharpens the flavour of impracticality belonging to that option.

ENTER A VISITOR FROM PRAGUE

Tomorrow London will have a visit from Mr Vladimir Janku, head of the Czechoslovak government's office for church affairs. His visit is ostensibly private but it has been encouraged by British churchmen concerned about the persecution of religion in Czechoslovakia. He is due to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury and representatives of the Roman Catholic church.

Doubtless he will arrive well briefed with arguments to persuade his interlocutors that all is well, or would be well if it were not for a few incorrigibles who refuse to observe proper limits on their activities under an atheist state. There is, however, ample evidence to show that the treatment of religious believers in Czechoslovakia is worse than in other East European members of the Warsaw Pact. Poland is a special case, but Hungary and East Germany, while very far from ideal, have also shown that it is possible for communists to tolerate a higher level of religious activity.

The trouble in Czechoslovakia is not only that the churches are not very strong (though there are signs of growth) but that the government feels too weak to be tolerant. It is still haunted by memories of the explosion of freedom in 1968. It rules by petty harassment over a grey and demoralized country in which corruption of one sort or another is almost universal. Hopes of buying off the population with consumer goods flourished in the early 1970s but have now dwindled. Personal consumption is scarcely higher and may even be lower (the figures are debatable) than it was ten years ago. Although Czechoslovakia seemed much more prudent than its neighbours in not plunging into very high debts to the West it is now paying the price of neglecting investment. Its plant is old, its productivity low, its use of energy wasteful, and its pollution an increasingly serious health hazard.

Most of the people keep their heads down and get on with trying to make their private lives tolerable. The number of active dissidents is small. It is, however, large enough to bring out the worst in the regime. Although there are fewer trials than in 1979-81 there is more persistent and widespread harassment, including frequent interrogations, house searches and threats of violence.

A new and particularly squalid practice is the use of the 1975 law on "preventive surveillance" to harass dissidents. It gives the police a free hand in making life hard for those sentenced under it. Among other things it allows security officials to enter homes of the victims at any time of day or night. A recent victim is Mr Ladislav Lis, who emerged from prison in March, only to be sentenced on May 23 to another term of three months for allegedly breaching the terms of his surveillance. He had been ordered to report to the police every day, to remain in his home district after 1pm and at home after 10pm. The police frequently exercized their right of entry in the small hours of the night, making life intolerable for his family.

The reason for this treatment is almost certainly that Mr Lis is a proponent of dialogue with western peace movements and let it be known that he was involved in setting up an independent peace group in Czechoslovakia. He and those around him differ with other members of the Charter 77 human rights movement in that they regard the European Nuclear Disarmament movement as an ally, since they believe that peace, disarmament and the defence of human rights in Eastern Europe are part of one package. Mr Lis has received strong support from Mr E. P. Thompson, Mr Michael Foot and others, who have all written to Dr Husak, the president of Czechoslovakia.

Other members of Charter 77 are far more sceptical of the nuclear disarmers of the West, seeing them as dupes of the Soviet Union whose policies would weaken the West and thereby strengthen Soviet control over Eastern Europe. The deployment of more Soviet missiles in Eastern Europe has intensified this debate but it has also recruited new supporters for protest in Czechoslovakia. It seems to have intensified the insecurity of the regime. It might therefore be useful if the churchmen who talk to Mr Janku make it clear that they see the persecution of believers in the context of a wider suppression of human rights.

Teachers' pay claim

From Mr K. G. Caulkin

Sir, It is unthinking of Sir Keith Joseph to say that no one is leaving the profession, so the present offer of 4.5 per cent should be accepted, by the law of supply and demand. What is more pertinent is that in the sciences, especially physics, no one is *entering* the profession.

In 1981 a Royal Society/Institute of Physics report estimated 300 vacancies nationally for physics teachers and a further 1,500 "hidden" vacancies (i.e., physics posts filled by people not fully qualified to teach physics). The Government in 1982 set up a two-year pilot scheme of teacher training scholarships of £500 for a one-year postgraduate course followed by guaranteed jobs in England and Wales to improve the situation, the scholarships being open to candidates possessing at least an upper second class honours degree in mathematics, physics or chemistry.

What is inconsistent in Sir Keith's logic is that he is submitting to market forces here in order to attract and achieve a high standard of entry to the science teaching profession, yet cannot apply it to the present situation of science teachers within the schools. The shortage of graduate physics teachers is still severe and will not change substantially for a considerable time unless an attractive salary is paid for a professional job.

Evidence for this view is contained in the Institute of Physics's triennial full-scale remuneration survey of 1983 (*Physics Bulletin*, July 1983). Summarising the survey, up to the age of about 30 a graduate physics teacher was earning approximately £1,000 less than all other classes of physics employment (e.g., industry, central government, university etc), but when 60 years old the differential was over £4,000.

In this year's smaller random survey the median differential has increased (*Physics Bulletin*, April, 1984).

With such prospects is the shortage of graduate physics teachers surprising?

According to Sir Keith's reasoning, it seems that I am in short supply as a physics teacher yet cannot demand more. I do not understand market forces.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legal issues in 'Lithgow v Whitehall'

From Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP for Hexham (Conservative)

Sir, The important issues raised in the Attorney General's letters (May 24 and 29) and Mr Julian Haviland's admirable article in your columns (May 25) on the "Lithgow v Whitehall" case must not be allowed to sink into legal obscurity. Even if the Attorney General is justified – which I hope he is not – in his confidence that the Government will succeed in winning the argument before the European Court of Human Rights, that can not be the end of the matter.

Sir Michael Havers writes that the Government are not saying that an expropriation without compensation would be justifiable. That can hardly be regarded as a resounding declaration of Conservative principles, especially since it may be noted that the Convention does not, either expressly or by implication, guarantee a right to compensation in case of nationalistion of the property of the state's own nationals.

Nor is there any joy to be found in Sir Michael's further statement that it is not suggested that there is no grounds for criticism of the compensation actually paid. How could he, in face of all the statements made by Conservative front bench spokesmen when in opposition?

Not a single member of the present Government has ever denied that the terms of compensation were other than grossly unfair. As a neutral commentator Lord Goodman was moved to observe that the compensation provisions were "absolutely Alice in Wonderland".

In his letter of May 29, Sir Michael, as the Government's chief legal advisor, justifying confidentiality, fudges the fact – revealed in the Secretary to the Commission's public communiquè of February 1, 1983 – that the nub of the Government's present case is that there is no breach of the Convention because the nationalisation of the relevant companies on the terms laid down in the 1977 Act was a lawful measure which the Government of the time were entitled to take and in accordance with the international law requirement of "adequate, prompt and effective compensation".

Meanwhile Parliament has been told that the difficulties of retrospective legislation are impossible to overcome. I have never believed this to be right or true. There is apparently no difficulty in conferring – if that is the right word – a retrospective detriment such as a windfall tax on bank profits. How then can there be a constitutional objection to a retrospective benefit to remedy a manifest injustice?

Mr Haviland does us all a service in emphasising the consequences for the future if the Government's arguments are upheld. This could not only affect the shares in nationalised industries which are about to be offered to the public but also a great many other companies which at various times the Socialists have threatened to nationalise.

Thus in 1981 it was calculated that on the basis of compensation given to the aircraft and shipbuilding industries, Beechams, with assets then estimated at £520m, would be offered £104m: Wimpeys would have had a likely compensation of £57.8m for nett assets of £289m and Plesseys £63m for assets of £316m.

In other words, as long as the 1977 Act precedent is upheld British shareholders of industries which a future Labour Government might appropriate could expect to receive less than one-quarter of the real value of their holdings, in the knowledge that a subsequent Conservative Government would do nothing about it.

The position would be clearer if the European Convention on Human Rights were incorporated into our domestic law. Article 13 of the Convention expressly requires that there should be a right to go before a national court before the ultimate appeal to Strasbourg. We alone of all the states who are parties to the Convention deny this right, presumably because when we acceded to it in 1953, as one of the last acts of the Churchill administration, we believed there would never be a breach of human rights in Britain.

As matters now stand we must await the European Court's decision, bearing in mind that if the Convention does not go far enough in protecting individual rights Parliament still has the sovereign power to act if it wills.

In 1980 and 1981 over 150 back bench MPs signed early day motions seeking to remedy the situation. Let them, and others, not forget that in the ultimate event the crucial question may well be how far Parliament is prepared to subject itself to the rule of law.

Yours sincerely,
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House of Commons.
May 29.

Press 'privilege' and the police Bill

From Mr Frank Rogers

Sir, The House of Commons has now passed the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, complete with an exemption for "journalism" and "journalistic material" from the new powers of search and seizure which it confers on the police. The virtue of this exemption was fiercely argued during the Bill's committee stage, and the discussion has continued among both print and broadcasting editors and journalists.

Before the Bill is considered in the House of Lords, I believe it is of great importance to explain why, during this discussion, the great weight of journalistic opinion, after initial ambivalence, has swung strongly against the exemption which the Bill provides. Contrary to what many people might expect, neither journalists nor editors want the privilege they are now being offered.

Not least among our objections to the "privilege" offered in the police Bill is the precedent it sets for a possible withdrawal of privilege – or indeed of an ordinary citizen's rights – under some future government.

The particular terms of the police Bill reveal the danger inherent in this, even while making a sincere attempt to protect "journalistic interests. The protection is offered to "material acquired or created for the purpose of journalism". This material is limited to "journalistic material . . . in the possession of a person who acquired or created it for the purposes of journalism".

If these words stand, the courts will quickly be obliged to define what "journalism" is – and, perhaps more importantly, what "journalism" is not. They will be tempted to make a distinction between those who are "journalists" and those who are not. Yet journalism and journalist are terms incapable of precise definition which satisfactorily distinguishes between them and numerous other forms and agents of publication.

Potential anomalies are perhaps largest in the field of broadcasting, where the line is impossible to draw convincingly. Other possible anomalies and confusions were described by members of the standing committee. All would produce, out of this statute, not only the first beginnings of a statutory codification of what journalism is, but one shot through with complexity and contradiction.

An impressive body of editors and others now favours these arguments.

The National Union of Journalists is opposed to special protection for journalistic material. So are the editors or editorial directors of seven of the nine national dailies, six of the seven national Sundays, the editors-in-chief of Reuters and the Press Association, the Director-General of the BBC, the Editor of Independent Television News and senior executives of London Weekend Television, Granada Television and Channel Four TV; also the editors of 198 regional newspapers.

The Newspaper Society, representing provincial newspaper proprietors, and the Periodical Publishers Association are of the same mind.

In these circumstances, I can only hope that the House of Lords will be encouraged to perform its historic function of revising and improving Bills which come up from the Commons in the light of argument and experience.

Yours faithfully,
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Peterborough,
Cambridgeshire. May 21.

The pain of the unborn child

From Dr Patrick W. Gill

Sir, Your editorial, "Life before birth" (May 24), contains a major scientific error when it suggests that the sixth week after fertilization is the point when awareness in its simplest form is established in the embryo and proceeds to indicate that "the six-week marker is thus a clear point to be included in any code of conduct".

It is a mistake to equate an anatomical nervous system, which begins to be formed at about six weeks, with the perception of pain or any other sensory phenomena, which are physiological events. These events do not require a formal anatomical nervous system to be perceived, as it is common scientific knowledge that even protozoa have sensory perception and will react to a painful stimulus.

René Leriche - professor of surgery who was given the highest professional honour in France when he was elected Professor of Medicine at the Collège de France, Paris - explained this principle in these words:

> Physical pain is not a simple affair of an impulse, travelling at a fixed rate along a nerve. It is the resultant of a conflict between a stimulus and the whole individual.

This describes exactly what the embryo feels when a painful stimulus is applied to it, as in research or experimental work.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK W. GILL,
Neath General Hospital,
Radiology Department,
Neath,
Glamorgan.
May 25.

From Mrs E. M. Alder

Sir, There has been much discussion on the subject of *in vitro* fertilization and surrogate motherhood, but very little has been said about the rights of the child born as a result of these methods.

Surrogate motherhood may very well be degrading, but it is no innovation for one woman to pay for the biological services of another. There were no great champions for the emotions of wet-nurses, despite the fact that the surrogate mother, in that instance, could well have been distressed by the death of her own child and the subsequent "bonding" to another child through breast-feeding.

If a woman knowingly and willingly undertakes to accept pregnancy and childbirth on behalf of someone else, then she should honour her contractual obligations in giving up the child after birth – no matter what the emotional cost to her might be. Surely the child has a right to its natural parentage and surely the child is of far greater importance than the surrogate mother?

With an ever-increasing number of children being born each year as a result of *in vitro* fertilization and especially considering the possible implications of AID, it is high time the rights of these children were properly considered or, in the years to come, one may well parody that it is indeed a wise child that knows his own father – or even his mother.

Yours faithfully,
ELISABETH ALDER,
56 Ellesmere Orchard,
Westbourne, Emsworth, Hampshire.

University costs

From Mr Stuart R. Bosworth

Sir, Lord Flowers, in his letter (May 16) about the work of the Jarratt committee, gives a wholly unexpected – perhaps novel – view of the role of university administration as your reader would normally understand that phrase.

Universities' administrations – as opposed to their whole panoply of governance (Senate, Council, faculties, heads of departments or their equivalents whom the administration serves) – do not exist to spend 93 per cent of a university's income. They administer its spending, which is subtly and importantly different: a less powerful though equally onerous and responsible duty.

Of that 93 per cent by far the greatest part is in the effective control of academic bodies making academic decisions, an area from which the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has successfully excluded the Jarratt committee, if its officers are to be believed. The initiatives that committee is taking in the areas of the maintenance of academic standards and other aspects of university activity are, in the eyes of many, long overdue as indeed are the commonsense measures which Professor Allen, of Oxford University (May 16), takes credit for (with others in his university).

The question that has to be asked is, why does it take cuts of the 1981 proportions, allied to Rayner-type enquiries, to induce some common sense into university decisions about expenditure and the avoidance of waste of whatever kind.

It is one of the glories and yet most dangerous characteristics of the collective that represents the universities, and indeed of individual universities themselves, that there is a fierce resistance to all change not internally generated and approved – a resistance which, in the case of tenure, has effectively taken the important decisions out of the control of universities and placed them in the hands of outsiders, since statutory commissioners, if appointed, must exercise their duty in ways which will effectively diminish the abilities of the universities to arrange in detail their own affairs.

It is indeed tenure that raises the most pointed of questions. If universities chose to give appointments on contractual terms which made it impossible for them to adjust to a new academic or financial reality, what obligation was there or could there be on anyone else to save them from the consequences of their own autonomous, carefully considered decisions?

If those decisions, claimed to be necessary on academic grounds, were taken without due regard for their long-term consequences in a variety of possible circumstances, what evidence is there to sustain the assertion that to exclude Sir Alex Jarratt from the academic decisions of universities is an eminently wise decision on the part of the Government and universities?

The views that I express are not necessarily those of my institution.

Yours sincerely,
STUART R. BOSWORTH,
(Registrar, Salford University),
2 Thoragrove Road,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire.
May 18.

Majorcan wildlife

From Mrs Eirlys Roberts

Sir, Dr Beckett was right, of course (May 21), to regret the frantic development of parts of Majorca and the consequent threat to its wild birds in the Albufera and wild flowers everywhere.

But it is not reasonable to expect these once-poor islanders to hold back when tourists offer to pay handsomely for hideous flats in the sun by the sea. The tourists come partly for Majorca's wild beauty and, if it is destroyed, no doubt they will eventually go elsewhere. But that is scarcely an argument which will weigh now with any Majorcan developer or farmer with land to sell. Something more is needed.

Spain will soon join the EEC. Might it not be possible for the environment service of the European Commission to help in preserving Majorca's environment, to the eventual benefit of Majorcans and tourists alike? With the support – seeing how many of the tourists are British – of the British Government and of British members of the European Parliament?

One might hope also, that the enlightened moderate left government of Spain, under Sr Felipe Gonzalez, will tighten control of property development in Majorca, and encourage the conservation of its natural resources.

We were encouraged, while walking in the island's magnificent mountains, where the paths are marked by (to us) unknown associations of walkers, to happen upon something like a national park – the Son Moragues, north of Valldemossa, which has been owned by the state since 1979.

Yours sincerely,
EIRLYS ROBERTS,
es Turo, Paguera,
Majorca.

Off pitch

From Mr Patrick Leigh Fermor

Sir, Major Loyd's mention in todays *Times* (May 22) of the ancient Persian word for a polo stick – *chaugan* or *chupaan* – opens an interesting linguistic sequence. When the game spread from the Persian to the Byzantine empire, "to play polo" was hellenized into *tsikanizein* or *tsoukanizein*, the pologround, which was set up in the Hippodrome at Constantinople, became the *Tsoukanisterion*. Anna Comnena records that her father, the Emperor Alexis, a keen player, was laid up for some time after a nasty fall.

Possibly through his Crusader contemporaries, the Greek word stepped into French and English, dropping its sporting context and surviving in either language as *chicane* and chicanery, no doubt from the devious zigzag manoeuvres to which the ponies were put.

For further ramifications we must refer to *Hobson Jobson*, the wonderful late nineteenth-century dictionary of English words of Far Eastern origin.

Your obedient servant,
PATRICK LEIGH FERMOR.
White's,
St James's, SW1.
May 22.

Splitting degrees

From Professor A. C. Rose-Innes

Sir, Mr Laxton, in his letter of May 23, argues that it is undesirable to split the second-class university degree into an upper and lower division. Perhaps, however, we should consider whether degrees should have classifications at all.

Students are just people and, like all people, each student has strengths and weaknesses. So a new graduate will have shown greater strengths in some fields of study, and less strength in others; he will have shown more talent and interest in certain activities, but less talent and less interest elsewhere. Is it reasonable, therefore, to classify such a complex pattern by a single number?

Surely it would be academically more satisfactory, and more useful to prospective employers, if the student's performance were given as some sort of profile rather than a single classification embracing all facets. For example, instead of a unique classification, the marks obtained in the individual examination papers, project work etc, could be recorded on the degree certificate.

This is the system used in most countries other than the UK, or those whose university system is derived from Britain. When I was a tutor, selecting graduates for postgraduate work, I found a profile much more helpful than a single classification.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. ROSE-INNES,
The University of Manchester,
Institute of Science and Technology,
PO Box 88, Manchester.

GLC's advertising

From the Leader of the Greater London Council

Sir, The Director of Aims of Industry complains (May 18) about what he refers to as the "blatant political advertising of the GLC". May I put the record straight.

Firstly, the advertisements to which he apparently objects were not party political. They informed people of the consequences of the abolition of the GLC and the cancellation of next year's GLC election – a matter of general public concern.

Secondly, the advertising is under the control of an all-party committee at County Hall, and inconvenient though it is for Mr Ivens, Labour, Conservative and Alliance parties on the GLC are all opposed to the Government's abolition proposals. There are quite rightly stringent legal constraints on expenditure of council funds for party political purposes.

Thirdly, the Government itself spends millions of pounds on highly controversial advertising: £22m on the sale of public assets alone. Nationalised industries including British Rail and the National Coal Board think nothing of spending hundreds of thousands of pounds in public advertising designed to deter their employees from taking industrial action. Has Mr Ivens complained about this use of taxpayers' money?

We may be forgiven for thinking that it has been the effectiveness of the GLC campaign which has secured the support of the vast majority of Londoners behind retaining the council which has aroused Mr Ivens's concern, rather than the use to which ratepayers' money has quite properly been put.

Yours faithfully,
KEN LIVINGSTONE, Leader,
Greater London Council,
Members' Lobby,
The County Hall, SE1.
May 24.

Ifs and buts

From Mrs S. G. Webster

Sir, I received today my absentee ballot for the New Jersey primary election. It contains both Democrat and Republican ballot forms and enjoins me in bold print: "Do not mark but one ballot."

Had I but votes enough and time. . .

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN WEBSTER,
31 Westleigh Avenue, SW15.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 29: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited Tideswell and Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton), His Royal Highness toured Whitecross Industrial Estate, Tideswell and opened The Old College, Market Square.

Afterwards The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Eccles Fold, Chapel-en-le-Frith and toured the new housing development for the elderly.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr Brian McGrath, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 29: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, attended by the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Martin Gilliat, Captain Alistair Aird and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton, this afternoon embarked in HM Yacht Britannia at Portsmouth for a visit to the Channel Islands.

Her Majesty travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 29: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, Duchess of Cornwall, this morning opened Street Farm Workshops, Doughton, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr Victor Chapman and Mr John Higgs were in attendance.

Afterwards His Royal Highness visited the Eastern District for a *meeting of the Duchy of Cornwall's* Wildlife and Landscape Advisory Group at Poplar Farm, Newton St Loe, Bath, Avon.

Mr John Higgs was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present today at the Sony Radio Awards Luncheon which was held at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane. Her Royal Highness presented the Special Awards.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 29: The Duke of Gloucester as President, today attended The British Consultants Bureau Seminar at the British Embassy, The Hague, Holland.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

A memorial service for Brigadier L. L. Cross will be held at noon today at St Bride's, Fleet Street.

A memorial service for Mr David Verey will be held on Friday, June 1, at 1.45 pm in Gloucester Cathedral.

Birthdays today

Professor W. H. F. Barnes, 75; Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Cameron, 86; Mr W. P Cleland, 72; Mr Ray Cooney, 52; Professor G. I. A. D. Draper, 70; Mr R. E. Enthoven, 84; Sir Hywel Evans, 64; Mr Max Fisher, 62; Lord Gardiner, CH, 84; Mr John Gilroy, 86; Mr Benny Goodman, 75; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, 64; Mr A. R. Moore, 66; Mr Rowland Sanders, 88; Mr Julian Symons, 72; Mr Bob Willis, 35; Lord Zuckerman, OM, 80.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. E. Geake and Miss A. K. Smith-Carington

The engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of the Rev P. H. and Mrs Geake, of Corfe Castle, Dorset, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr And Mrs H. K. G. Smith-Carington, of Rockbourne, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Mr G. H. N. Prestige and Miss J. K. Lamont

The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Colonel and Mrs Adrian Prestige, of Amesbury, and Jane, younger daughter of Mrs E. A Lamont, of Fishbourne, Chichester.

Latest apppointments

Latest appointments include:
General Sir Roland Guy, Colonel Commandant 1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, Colonel Commandant Small Arms School Corps, to be Aide de Camp General to The Queen, in succession to General Sir George Cooper.
Brigadier Geoffrey William Hutton to be Honorary Colonel, 266 (Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery) Observation Post Battery, Royal Artillery.

Bridge

Spring win for Gloucestershire

A Gloucestershire team captained by P. Shields won the English Bridge Union's Spring Holiday knockout congress played at the Grand Hotel in Birmingham over three days.

Results:
1, P Shields, J D Rue, J Angseesin, A Kamblies (Gloucestershire); 2, R Winter, A Eastwood, P Hawkes (Yorks), S Wood (Warwickshire); 3, M Smith, J F Pottage (Hants), D Cole (Yorks), I Popplestone (Devon); 4, D L Parry (London), R Hyde, S Preston (Hants), Miss K Preddy (Somerset)

Inner Temple

The Duke of Norfolk, Sir Philip Shelbourne and Professor J. K. B. Nicholas have been elected Honorary Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Crested newt survey

A survey into the breeding sites of the great crested newt has been launched by the Nature Conservancy Council at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. Their numbers are on the decline.

Luncheon

German Chamber of Industry and Commerce

The German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the United Kingdom held a luncheon yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. The guest of honour and speaker was the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany. Other guests included:
the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Sir Phillip Shelbourne, Sir Bernard Braine, MP, chairman of the Anglo-German Parliamentary Group, and Mr Robert Sheldon, MP

Reception

Anglo-Austrian Society

The President of the Anglo-Austrian Society, Lord Caccia, Sir William Clark, MP, chairman and the executive committee gave a reception last night at Stubenring 24, Vienna, on the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the society. Those present included:
Lady Caccia, Lady Clark, Sir William and Lady Hayter, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, and Lady Finsberg, Mr and Mrs James Johnson, Mr Donald Anderson MP, and Dr Anderson, Mr Tom Cox, MP, Dr Gottlieb Diezinger, Mr and Mrs Donald Gordon, Mr Ernst Hoch, Lord and Lady Irving of Dartford, Sir John and Lady Langford-Holt, Sir Kenneth Lewis, MP and Lady Lewis, Mr Ron Lewis, MP, and Mr John Lewis, Mr and Mrs Hugh Morgan, Mr Alexander Pollock, MP and Mrs Pollock, Mr and Mrs George Rizza, Sir Michael Shaw, MP and Lady Shaw, Mr and Mrs Walter J Foster, Miss Anne Ellis, Mr and Mrs Robert Avery, Mr Martin Murray, Mr Bruce Young, Miss Erna Wagner, Mr Phillip Smith, HM Ambassador at Vienna, and Mrs Michael Alexander, and representatives of Austrian government departments and institutions, the British Council and the Austro-British Society

Dinner

Loriners' Company

The Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, Sir Christopher Leaver, and Lady Leaver, accompanied by the Sherrifs and their ladies, were guests of honour at the annual livery dinner held by the Loriners' Company at the Mansion House on Thursday.

The Master, Mr John R. Cunningham, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, the Wardens, Mr Arthur Gunton and Mr Douglas Hobday, and Mr David B. Money-Coutts.

Guests indluded Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Mr Richard Meade, Mr Michael Calyton and the Masters of the Companies of Leathersellers, Joiners and Ceilers, Farriers and Chartered Secretaries.

University news

Cambridge
DARWIN COLLEGE
Elections
Research Fellowships from October 1: Dr T Absr, Faculty of History (Charles A Katharine Darwin Research Fellow), Dr Dolores M Ansell, Dept of Chemistry; Mr S M Hasden, BA, Dept of Physics; Dr J Zucchi, Faculty of History.

Queen's Belfast
Grant
Science and Engineering Research Council: £50,360 over three years to the Department of Pure and Applied Physics for research on "Electron impact excitation of the rare gases", under the direction of Dr A Crowe.

Appointments:
Lectureships: Allister J Taggart, MB, BCh, BAO, MD(Belf), MRCP, therapeutics and pharmacology; Simon J Wheeler, MA(Cantab), AMICE, Civil engineering; Graham McGrown, BSc, MB, BCh, BAO(Belf), physiology.

Leicester
Grants
Economic and Social Research Council: £65,390 to Dr D Ashton and Mr M Maguire for study of the changing structure of the Youth Labour Market
Leicestershire Area Health Authority: £64,476 to Professor M Clarke and Dr Stevenson for Computer Systems Development.
Medical Research Council: £96 025 to Dr J Almond for genetic studies on polioviruses using infectious cloned CDNA
Natural Environment Research Council: £40,776 to Dr P Maguire to study the deep seismic reflection profile across Charnwood Forest and the Caledonian Mountsorrel Granodiorite in Central England.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £147,928 to Professor T Jones, running grant for the Sweden and Britain Radar Auroral Experiment (Sabre).

Bath
Grants
Science and Engineering Research Council: £61,420 to Dr G G Lunt and Professor P D J Weitzman for research into Characterization of GABA Enzymes ad Receptors in Insect Nervous Systems; £135,702 cooperative grant in association with ICI PLC to Mr M G Phillips for research into Acoustic Emission from New Fibre Reinforced Thermoplastics; £109,400 to Dr P J Willis for the design of A Graphic Arts Computer Work Station

Royal Society of Musicians

Handel's Messiah was performed in Westminster Abbey on May 29 to mark the bicentenary of the great Handel Commeroration which took place there in 1784. The choir of the abbey, Sarah Leonard, Catherine Denley, Martyn Mill, Lawrence Wallington with the Academy of Ancient Music were under the direction of Mr Simon Preston, organist and master of the choristors.

A wreath was laid at Handel's memorial on behalf of the Royal Society of Musicians by Mr John Denison, chairman of the governors. Those present included honorary officers, honorary members and members of the society and descendants of the conductor and directors of the 1784 commemoration.

Elgar Foundation

Mr Raphael Djanogly was host yesterday evening at a concert given by Mr Manoug Parikian, Mr Bernard Roberts and the Chilingirian Quartet at Claridge's hotel to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Sir Edward Elgar, OM.

Mr E. Wulstan Atkins, Chairman of the Elgar Foundation, presided.



Some of the Turner watercolours in the Farnley bird book

Turner bird illustrations come for auction

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Nineteenth-century children were great compilers of albums, some favouring pressed flowers and others excerpts from their favourite sermons. But only one family in Britain had the assistance of Joseph Mallord William Turner, the towering artistic genius of the century, with their compilations.

The watercolour drawings that he made for the children's bird book at Farnley Hall in Yorkshire, are to be sold at Sotheby's on July 12. The 20 drawings are estimated to sell for about £200,000.

Turner stayed at Farnley for some part of almost every year from 1809 to 1826. The house belonged to Walter Fawkes, Turner's most enthusiastic patron and one of his only friends.

At the time of Fawkes' death in 1826, he owned 200 Turner watercolours and six great oil paintings. According to Ruskin, even in old age, Turner could not speak of the river Wharfe which flowed past Farnley and "about whose shores, the shadows of old thoughts and long lost delights hung like morning mist, but his voice faltered".

The bird book is recorded as having had "feathers from the head, back, breast, etc" fastened down on one side of the page and Turner's paintings of the birds themselves on the other.

Farnley is situated close to the moors and several Turner watercolours record Fawkes shooting parties and picnics. The birds which the children could get hold of for their book are thus a mixture of game birds, such as grouse, moorgame, and pheasant, common local birds such as robins, wood pigeons, and woodpeckers, and domesticated birds, such as the guinea fowl, turkey, and peacock. These miscellaneous specimens were carefully recorded by Turner.

Ruskin, Turner's chief publicist, visited Farnley as if it was a shrine – which indeed it was, for the dispersal of Walter Fawkes' collection had not yet begun. He was worried that the feathers constantly brushing against Turner's drawings were damaging the genius's work and as a result the family removed them and "had them window-mounted with great care".

The dispersal of the Farnley Turners began in the late nineteenth century. The last oil painting went in the 1950s and now it the turn of the bird book. While the estates and collection have shrunk since the days of Walter Fawkes, the house has descended down the family and is now owned by Nicholas Horton-Fawkes, who has sent the album for sale.

Otherwise little has changed at Farnley since Turner's day. In the drawing room and hall hang the remaining 28 Turner watercolours, most of them depicting either the exterior or interior of the house. The same furnishings still ornament the same rooms as was shown in Turner's depictions of them. But the cost of keeping up such an establishment in the 1980s is disproportionate and Mr Horton-Fawkes needs finance to restore the older part of the house.



Ringing the changes: A legacy from the 1920s requires the bells of the parish church in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, to be rung at 6am every May 29. This year the bells are silent, awaiting repair, so yesterday the bell ringers carried handbells to the top of the church tower, to fulfill the bequest.

Memorial service

The Hon Maxwell Stamp

A memorial service for the Hon Maxwell Stamp was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev Basil Watson officiated. Mr Anthony Stamp (son) read the lesson and Lord Charteris of Amisfield gave an address.

Among those present were:
The Hon Mrs Maxwell Stamp (widow), Mrs Anthony Stamp (daughter-in-law), Dr Marian Dawkins (daughter), Mr and Mrs Richard Cooke (son-in-law and daughter), Jo and Marianna Stamp (grandchildren), Lord and Lady Stamp and the Hon Colin and Mrs Stamp, (brothers and sisters-in-law), the Hon Trevor and Mrs Stamp, the Hon Richard Stamp, the Hon Elizabeth Stamp, Mr and the Hon Mrs Richard McWaters, Mr and the Hon Mrs John Dow, Mr Robert Stamp.

Adeline Lady Ampthill, Lord Bauer, Baroness Trumpington, Lady Pilkington, Lady Iliffe, Sir Arthur Norman (De la Rue Company) with Mr Peter Orchard; Sir Robert Clark (Hill Samuel Group), Sir Harry Moore, Sir John and Lady Blagden, Sir Kingsley Collett, Sir Henry and Lady Phillips, Lady Cockcroft, Lady Raison, Professor Sir Hans Kornberg (Senetak), Sir John Hoskyns, Sir Duncan Oppenheim, Mr Meshoulam Stamp, Mr Philip Langford, Mr and Mrs Hume Boggis-Rolfe, Mr and Mrs Paul Boggis-Rolfe, Mr Harry Boggis-Rolfe, Mr H C Partridge (Civil Aviation Authority) with Mr J E Lockwood.

Mr Leonard Miall, Mr Eric Thompson (Arts Council), Mr H Legge (Rehearsal Orchestra) with Miss S Alcock, Judge and Mrs West-Russell, Mr John Wood (Political Economy Club), Mr A J Blackburn (Bischoff and Company), Mr James Lemkin, Miss Judy Hutchinson, Mr Colin McFadyean (Slaughter and May), Mrs D Mitchell (Truman Knightley Educational Trust), Mr G C Seligman (S G Warburg and Company), Mr James Eve, the Rev Leonard Middleton, Miss Hilda Martin, Mr and Mrs Christopher Joubert, Dr and Mrs Douglas Marmion, Mr P Marmion, Miss Irene Reynolds, Dr Allan Rodger, Mr and Mrs M Bostock, Mr and Mrs Alex Bennett, Mr David Lloyd, Mrs J M Raisman, Mrs S O'Donnell, Miss Anne Bullen, Mr Colin Clark, Mr and Mrs Paul Curnell, Mr Y Meshoulam, Mr D Bucks, Mr D C Mootham, Mr and Mrs C J Newby Vincent, Mrs B Newby Vincent, Mrs J Jacobs, Mrs S Trollip, Dr Daniel Graftstein, Mr C F Tatnall, Mr Paul Logan, Mr and Mrs R A W Rudd, Mr and Mrs R Weisweiller, Miss Wanda Rands and Mr and Mrs J Lowman.

Latest wills

Mrs Phyllis Marguerite **Shiers**, of Siddington, Cheshire, left estate valued at £987,621 net.

Mr Thomas **Nuttall**, of Burnley, Lancashire, retired cotton manufacturer left estate valued at £632,487 net.

Sir Francis Ralph Hay **Murray**, of Whaddon, Buckinghamshire, Ambassador to Greece 1962-67 and a Governor of the BBC from 1967-73, left estate valued at £68,805 net.

Professor Brian Westerdale **Downs**, of Cambridge, the first Professor of Scandinavian Studies at Cambridge University from 1950-60 and Master of Christ's College from 1950-63, left estate valued at £326,028 net.

Mr Walid Khalid Ibrahim **Chorbachi**, of PO Box 2732, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, who died intestate, left estate in England and Wales valued at £608,016 net.

Archaeology

Carlisle fort reveals extent of Roman use of wood

Some of the most spectacular and important recent discoveries concerning Roman Britain relate to the origins of Carlisle, which is thought to have been founded by the brilliant governor Julius Agricola, in about AD 77-79. Waterlogged soil has led to the preservation of wooden buildings to an exceptional degree, as well as plant, insect, and other remains.

One of the most exciting if not unique contributions that Carlisle can make to the early military history of Britain is in assessing the impact of the Roman army upon the landscape. The discovery at nearly every site investigated in the city centre of well preserved wooden buildings dating to the first half century of Roman occupation has highlighted the colossal demand for timber made by the Roman army.

At the fort site at Annetwell Street or the extra-mural Castle Street site, for example, the timbers of barracks, workshops, and other miscellaneous structures survived up to 18 inches (0.50m) above the original floor levels. Buildings were built of posts and beams of varying size – the threshold beam in the double-portalled gate was more than 22 feet long – planks, and wattling.

Drains were lined with planks held in position by pegs and sometimes covered by more boards. The fort rampart, built in the conventional way for the period, still contains recognizable turves and three courses of logs to help to maintain the structure and prevent instability.

Where did all this timber come from? It is just possible that some was imported from another part of the country and that might be a factor in the difficulties that tree-ring experts have encountered in cross-matching. Much of the timber must have been obtained locally. Assuming the fort to be marginally less than four acres in size, the lowest three courses of logs used in the rampart would have consumed more than 45,000 lengths of timber 2 metres long. The final figure for rampart construction alone might well be in excess of 100,000 logs.

Watling seems to have been widely used in practically every building as the infill between main structural uprights as well as for drains and fences. It is not possible to quantify the amount used in one building yet, but the demand for this type of timber, mostly alder and hazel of that so far identified, was huge. This must surely be the product of pre-existing Iron Age managed woodland; perhaps coppiced, pollarded, or a mixture of the two.

In addition, the fort rampart must have used up about 15 acres of turf in construction, and on all the buildings, both inside and outside the fort, many hundreds if not thousands of tons of mud were plastered as a weatherproofing material on to the timber walls.

No other site in Britain has yielded information such as that which has been unearthed in Carlisle. The fort there is just one of more than 25 forts of varying size attributed to the six-year governorship of Agricola in north England and Scotland. The Roman army must have had a devastating impact upon the local economy.

Michael R. McCarthy
Director, Carlisle Archaeological Unit.

Science Report

Scientists rescue robins from risk of single sex extinction

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A recurring nightmare afflicting many biologists engaged in conserving endangered species is described in the current issue of *Nature*. It is the discovery that the few remaining individuals of a threatened animal are all of the same sex.

The prospect of such a dilemma is far more than a fantasy, or a dream, according to Professor Jared Diamond, a physiologist at the University of California Medical School, Los Angeles. It came close to reality for the New Zealand Wildlife Service in 1976 when its scientists began a programme designed to bring back from the brink of extinction the Chatham Island Black Robin, and found that of seven remaining robins, only two were female.

The discovery provoked a dramatic rescue operation, involving capture of the entire robin population, its transfer to another island and the fostering of eggs in the nests of two other species of song bird. As a result, for the first time in nearly a century, robins now occupy two islands.

Although the action is one of the most remarkable ventures in animal conservation, Professor Diamond argues that the significance of the rescue goes far beyond the fate of one obscure species of bird, because it demonstrates that without elaborate new management techniques an increasing number of species would be doomed.

However, these methods arouse passionate opposition.

The decline of the Chatham Island Black Robins began more than 100 years ago with forest clearing activities and the introduction of cats and rats on the larger Chatham Islands, 800km east of New Zealand. By the turn of the century the only unmolested habitat left was four hectares of scrub on the windswept outcrop called Little Mangere. By 1973 there were 17 adult robins and one infant bird there, but the trees were dying and the long-term outlook was poor.

The New Zealand Wildlife Service decided to plant 100,000 trees on the larger, neighbouring Mangere island, intending to transfer the robins there when the trees had become tall enough. In the meantime, experiments were begun in transfer techniques. Unfortunately the deterioration of the patch of scrub on Little Mangere and the birds low breeding rate worsened, and so the transfer was made to the large island on an existing area of scrub.

As the species began to recover, with help which included fostering by another insectivorous bird, a warbler, the robin's numbers built to a level where the zoologists decided to reduce the risk of inbreeding or extinction by another disaster.

Thereafter, clutches of eggs were transferred to South-east Island, where they were fostered by the Tomtit. Last year, two pairs of adult robins were transferred to South-east island from Mangere, and these have now begun breeding.

Human intervention in the animal world of this kind, and to such an extent, brings opposition. But Professor Diamond feels that managed robins are better than no robins at all.

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OBITUARY

REGINALD BOSANQUET

Newscaster with gift for informality

Reginald Bosanquet, who has died at the age of 51, was a television newscaster who, from his slot on ITN's *News at Ten*, became known to a nightly audience of millions. With his engagingly idiosyncratic manner – not least his way of appearing to speak out of the corner of his mouth – he achieved wide popularity, and his abrupt departure from the programme in 1979 caused a minor sensation.

He owed his success, above all, to a direct affinity with the television audience. In his early days with ITN he had been one of those who set out to get away from the more formal approach of the BBC to the presentation of news, and he once said that he "tried to think myself into people's drawing-rooms, rather than addressing the nation".

Latterly he became known for the exuberance and turbulence of his private life which attracted wide attention.

Reggie Bosanquet, as he was known, was born on August 9, 1932, the son of the cricketer, B. J. T. Bosanquet, the inventor of the googly. That was always a matter of pride to him, although his father died when he was still young, and Reggie Bosanquet's favourite sport, played with both pertinacity and great sociability, turned out to be tennis.

He was educated in Canada, where he was evacuated during the Second World War, and at Winchester and New College, Oxford, where he read History. His national service was with the Green Jackets. In 1955 he approached the young Independ.nt – television News for a job, saying that he wanted to be a star. They said he could start as a tea boy.

He soon became a sub-editor however, and in 1957, a reporter. His second editor, Sir Geoffrey Cox, saw in him "a handsome figure, upright, self-possessed and quiet voiced", and a special quality encouraged Cox to make him a reporter and then to get him to combine (especially in East Africa) political reporting with particular interest in the emergence of the developing countries. For some years he was Diplomatic Correspondent.

After 1959 Cox made him a newscaster for *Dateline*, a job he relished, both in contributing to the shape and content of the news and to the developement of that human understanding with the viewers that was to remain unequalled. He was a natural member of the *News at Ten* team when it began in 1967, and his partnership with Andrew Gardner took the news to unsurpassed viewng figures.

In his autobiography, *Let's Get Through Wednesday*, published in 1980, (the title was drawn from the stress and strain of television news), Bosanquet said that he had been born with a physical defect that left his smile a "sort of misplaced grin". To millions of viewers it meant a robust, human and fitting reaction to the events of the day. They trusted him. He was also an acute interviewer, able to draw revelations from the unlikeliest of subjects.

His resignation in 1979 followed a period of differences with ITN. In retirement he produced his autobiography, in which he gave a lively account of the world of television; and from 1980 to 1983 he was Rector of Glasgow University, though his illness made him less active than he had wished. He also took a particular interest in the World Wildlife Fund.

Bosanquet's first two marriages, to Karin Lund in 1955 and to Felicity Fearnley-Whittingstall in 1964, ended in divorce. Last year he married Joan Adams. He had two daughters by his marriages.

DR J. M. HYSLOP

Dr James Morton Hyslop, who was Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, from 1963 to 1975 died in Port Elizabeth on May 18.

Hyslop succeeded Dr Thomas Alty at a time when Rhodes was entering a new phase of expansion. Financial difficulties which had beset his predecessor had been overcome. An administrator of skill and insight, Hyslop was a strict disciplinarian but set a new pattern of friendly informality with staff and students.

Born in Dumbarton, Scotland on September 12, 1908, Hyslop was educated at the High School of Glasgow and showed an early aptitude for mathematics. Each year the young pupil, with almost monotonous regularity, went off with all the prizes. It was the same during his undergraduate years at Glasgow University. He graduated MA with first class honours in mathematics and natural philosophy.

This earned him a scholarship at Christ's College, Cambridge. Here he had the opportunity of doing research in analysis with the mathematician, G H Hardy; under Hardy's guidance he developed a number of papers and gained his PhD. Later in 1938 he was awarded the degree of DSc of Glasgow University.

During the Second World War Hyslop served in the RAF Bomber Command and in 1947 he emigrated to South Africa. For 14 years he was Professor of Mathematics at the University of the Witwatersrand, this led to his appointment in 1960, as principal of the Royal College of Nairobi (now the University of Nairobi).

Perhaps his greatest work as an educationalist was in East Africa. He took a leading part in planning the pattern of higher education for the new states in Africa; the stimulating problems were concerned with Africanisation of staff and making multiracialism work, without lowering academic standards.

The Hyslop era at Rhodes was marked by spectacular growth on all fronts. Student numbers rose from 1,400 to more than 2,200; three new dining halls and six residences were completed to maintain the essential character of Rhodes as a residential university. A well-equipped theatre, and the impressive Rhodes Union building, spacious modern buildings to house the departments of chemistry and zoology-entomology and extensive sports fields were added.

In the academic field the departments of journalism, African languages, speech and drama and political studies, belong to this era of development, as do the new building for the J. L. B. Smith Institute of Ichthyology, the Institute for Freshwater Studies and the *Institute for the Study of* English in Africa. The electron-microscopy unit and the computing centre both owe a debt to Hyslop's ability to anticipate new trends.

Hyslop will be remembered for his dedication to mathematical research, academic teaching and sound scholarly pursuits as well as for his kindness, natural courtesy, and dry sense of humour and the tolerance that went with it.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter.

EARL HOWE

Earl Howe, CBE, the Conservative peer known for his interest in motoring and motorists' affairs, died yesterday at his home in Buckinghamshire. He was 75.

The son of the fifth Earl Howe, who died in 1964 and was renowned as a motor racing driver, Howe for a time followed his father's footsteps as a racing driver. As his devotion to motoring developed he campaigned in the field of road safety, if in a somewhat contradictory way in that, for example, he considered that the 70 mph speed limit on motorways should be raised to at least 90 mph. He himself had several speeding convictions.

His sincerity as a champion of the cause of motorists was not, however, in doubt. He was president of the Institute of Road Safety Officers, and vice-chairman of the Royal Automobile Club.

Edward Richard Assheton Penn Curzon was born on August 7, 1908, and educated at Eton and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He was in the RNVR from 1928 to 1946, and saw war service in the Atlantic and Pacific.

Howe was president of the Chesham and Amersham Conservative Association from 1972. At one time he sat on the London County Council, and he was a Buckingham County Councillor from 1973.

His first marriage, in 1935, to Priscilla Weigall was dissolved in 1942. He then married Gay, daughter of Stephen Frederick Wakeling, of Durban, South Africa. There were two daughters of each marriage.

MR F. M. REDINGTON

S.S.T. writes:

The death of Frank Redington deprives the acturial profession of one who was arguably the finest exemplar of his calling. It will suffice to mention two of his far-thinking achievements. At a time over 30 years ago when little thought had been given to the subject, his paper to the Institute of Actuaries on the need to match assets and liabilities paved the way for what is today an essential part of life assurance thinking.

He was also a founder father in advocating the principle of terminal bonuses which are now in everyday use in life assurance.

It is evidence of his unflagging energy that, already in his 70s and after more than 10 years of retirement, his finely honed mind was still at work making valuable contributions to actuarial science.

He is one of the select few who have been presented with the institute's Gold Medal in honour of work which is of preeminent importance.



No common-law damages for debt delay

President of India v La Pintada Compania Navigacion SA

Before Lord Frasr of Tullybelton, Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill, Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Brandon of Oakbrook

[Speeches delivered May 24]

The House of Lords upheld the rule laid down in *London, Chatham & Dover Railway Co v South Eastern Railway Co* ([1893] AC 429) that the common law did not award general damages for delay in the payment of a debt beyond the date when it was contractually due.

Their Lordships held that as Parliament had greatly reduced the hardship to creditors first by section 3 (1) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934, where a debt remained unpaid until a judgment was obtained, and second by section 35A of the Supreme Court Act 1981 where a debt was unpaid until proceedings had been initiated; notwithstanding that in respect of debts paid late but before proceedings had begun injustice remained, it was for Parliament to remove it.

The House of Lords allowed a 'leapfrog' appeal direct from the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division where on October 25, 1982 and July 1, 1983, Mr Justice Staughton upheld an arbitrator's award to the respondent owners of compound interest in respect of freight and demurrage charges not paid by the appellant charterers until arbitration proceedings had been commenced.

Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC and Mr Peregrin Simon for the appellant charterers; Mr Mark Saville, QC and Mr Martin Moore-Bick for the owners.

LORD BRANDON said that the appeal was in substance an appeal against the Court of Appeal decision in *Tehno-Impex v Gebr van Weelde Scheepvaartkantoor BV* ([1981] QB 648), by which Mr Justice Staughton was bound.

The main ground on which Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, would have allowed the appeal in *Tehno-Impex*, that City of London arbitrators were free from the shackles which bound the High Court and so had power to award interest, simple or compound, on principal sums payable under their award or already paid before their award, was not supported by the other judges in the case or by the respondents in the present appeal.

Where parties referred a dispute to arbitration in England they impliedly agreed that the arbitration was to be conducted in all respects with the law of England unless, which seldom occurred, the agreement of reference provided otherwise.

The only common *ratio* of the majority in *Tehno-Impex* was that as the claims were of such character as to be within the admiralty jurisdiction of the High Court, the umpire was entitled to give the parties the same remedies as the Admiralty Court, who had power to award compound interest on debts payment of which had been made and accepted before judgment.

That was based on two misconceptions: that an Admiralty Court then had power to award interest on debts already paid and that it had power to award compound interest in any case at all. It followed that the decision of the majority in *Tehno-Impex* could not be supported on the grounds on which it was reached.

It followed that if the owners had confined themselves to seeking to support *Tehno-Impex*, the charterers' appeal would be bound to succeed. However the owners submitted for the first time in the House of Lords that the House should depart from its previous decision in the *London Chatham & Dover* case on the ground that it produced manifest injustice.

The owners urged the House, by departing from that case, to provide a common-law remedy that a creditor could recover damages, in the form of simple or compound interest, for a breach of contract by his debtor in failing to repay the principal sum for which he was liable in due time.

There were three cases in which the absence of any common law remedy for loss caused by late payment could arise. Case 1 was where a debt was paid late but before proceedings for recovery had begun. Case 2 was where the late payment was after the initiation of proceedings but before their conclusion. Case 3 was where a debt remained unpaid until a money judgment was given.

The injustice to creditors in respect of case 3 had been remedied by section 3 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934. In 1978 the *Law Commission Report on Interest* (Cmnd 7229) had recommended alterations in the law to remove the injustice in cases 1 and 2.

By the insertion by the Administration of Justice Act 1982 of section 35A in the Supreme Court Act 1981, substantial effect was given to the Law Commission's recommendations in respect of case 2. The section also expressly preserved the prohibition against the award of anything but simple interest both in the case of courts and arbitrators.

Further, the Court of Appeal in *Wadsworth v Lydall* ([1981] 1 WLR 598) had limited the scope of the *London, Chatham & Dover* case by holding that it applied only to claims for interest by way of general damages and did not extend to claims for special damages.

Given that, and since the legislature had made the two interventions referred to, his Lordship was of the opinion that, for three main reasons, the departure sought by the respondents would not now be justified.

First, the greater part of the injustice to creditors had now been removed.

Second, Parliament having given effect to some of the Law Commission recommendations but having made what appeared to be a policy decision not to give effect to a further recommendation, any decision of their Lordships giving effect to it by another route could be seen as an unjustifiable usurpation of the functions of Parliament.

Third, to depart from the *London, Chatham & Dover* case in such a way as to give all creditors whose debts either remained unpaid or were paid late, whether before or after action brought, a cause of action for interest by way of general damages for breach of contract would result in it being available to the creditor not only in case 1, but in cases 2 and 3 where he already had a statutory remedy. What was more, the new cause of action so applicable to cases 2 and 3 would be as of right, whereas the statutory remedy would remain discretionary only.

There would accordingly exist, in relation to cases 2 and 3, two parallel remedies, one as of right, the other discretionary, with the likelihood that creditors would come to rely mainly on the former. It was plain that Parliament had consistently regarded the award of interest on debts as a remedy to which creditors should not be entitled as of right, but only as a matter of discretion.

LORD ROSKILL, agreeing, said that the present state of the law in relation to case 1 placed the small creditor at grave disadvantage *vis a vis* his substantial and influential debtor.

The former might fear to offend the latter by instituting legal proceedings either swiftly or indeed at all and it was notorious that some substantial and influential debtors were not slow to take advantage of that financial strength, especially in times of financial stringency.

His Lordship hoped that a solution would be found promptly and the remaining injustice in that branch of the law finally removed.

Lord Scarman, agreeing, associated himself with Lord Roskill's comments.

Lord Fraser and Lord Bridge agreed.

Solicitors: Zaiwalla & Co; Richards Butler & Co.

Lawful benefit can be set off

Hyde v Emery

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment delivered May 21]

When assessing the amount of compensation to be awarded to the Department of Employment against a defendant who had been working part-time and who had been overpaid unemployment benefit, it was proper for the court to take into account any supplementary benefit the defendant might have been entitled to had be claimed it, where that course was not at issue between the parties.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing an appeal by the defendant, John Hyde, and reducing a compensation order made by the justices on the defendant's plea of guilty to three offences under section 146 (3) of the Social Security Act 1975 that for the purpose of obtaining unemployment benefit, he knowingly made false representations, namely that he had not worked on any day since his last claim for benefit, whereas he had worked as coach driver.

Mr William R. Wood for the defendant; Mr David Latham for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the defendant had been signing various forms to the effect that he had not been working, whereas in fact he had been working as a part-time coach driver and had been in receipt of earnings ranging from £12 to £21 a week.

It was conceivable that the department and the defendant could agree upon a figure which was at the very least, one that the defendant owed to the department. On that basis, it was proper for the justices to take note of the agreement and make, on an uncomplicatd basis, an order for compensation for that sum. The department would be left to recover any excess by way of civil proceedings.

The process of making compensation orders should be a very simple one. Courts should not be invited and if invited, should decline to make a compensation order on evidence out of which difficult questions of fact or law or both arose.

Justices should decline to make an order unless it was based on simple propositions which were agreed or were simple to resolve. There might be circumstances where it was perfectly proper for justices to take into account the fact that the defendant was entitled, if he had claimed it, to supplementary benefit. It was only proper to do that if there was no issue between the parties as to whether or not that course should be taken.

Mr Justice Forbes delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Bower Cotton & Bower for William Wright & Son, Dudley; DHSS Solicitor.

Charterer not bill of lading holder

Miramar Maritime Corporation v Holborn Oil Trading Ltd

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Brightman

[Speeches delivered March 24]

Where in a bill of lading there was included a clause which purported to incorporate the terms of a specified charterparty, there was not any rule of construction that clauses in that charterparty which were directly germane to the shipment, carriage or delivery of goods and imposed obligations upon the "charterer" under that designation, were premsumed to be incorporated in the bill of lading with the substitution of (where there was a cesser clause), or inclusion in (where there was no cesser clause), the designation "charterer", the designation "consignee of the cargo" or "bill of lading holder".

The House of Lords so held affirming a decision of the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Dillon) on October 28, 1983 ([1984] 1 Lloyd's Rep 142) who upheld a decision of Mr Justice Mustell who on March 18, 1983 ([1983] 2 Lloyd's Rep 319) held that the charterers, SEA Petrochem Pte Ltd alone were liable for demurrage.

The owners, Miramar Maritime Corporation, chartered their vessel Miramar to the charterers on the terms of the Exxonvoy 1969 standard form and provided that the total laytime in running hours should be 72 hours with demurrage at a specified rate.

There was subsequently shipped in Singapore a cargo of high speed diesel oil for carriage to Trincomalee in Sri Lanka. The bill of lading was in the form stipulated for use in conjunction with the Exxonvoy charter and provided that freight was payable as per charterparty.

It further had an incorporation clause which stated "This shipment is carried under and pursuant to the terms of the charter. . .and all the terms whatsoever of the said charter except the rate and payment of freight specified therein apply to and govern the rights of the parties concerned in this shipment".

When a substantial sum was due by way of demurrage under the charter, the owners demanded that that should be paid by the charterers and the consignees, Holborn Oil Trading Ltd. The consignees denied liability.

Mr Johan Steyn, QC and Mr Michael Collins for the owners; Mr A. G. S. Pollock, QC and Mr Charles Macdonald for the consignees.

LORD DIPLOCK said that the question was whether the provision in the bill of lading which purported to incorporate terms of the charterparty rendered the consignees, as holders of the bill of lading when the cargo was discharged, personally liable to the owners for demurrage payable under the charterparty to the owners by the charterers who were in liquidation and insolvent.

The principal purpose of the parties in pursuing the appeal was to obtain an authoritative ruling on whether a bill of lading holder in the Exxonvoy form annexed to a charterparty in the Exxonvoy 1969 standard form, if he were not himself the charterer, was nevertheless personally liable to the shipowner for the full amount of demurrage payable by the charterer under the charterparty.

Exxonvoy 1969 contemplated that, at charterer's option, there might be more than one loading port and more than one discharging port and that separate bills of lading might be issued, and must be issued if the charterer so requested for shipments forming parts of the complete cargo loaded, it might be, at different loading ports for carriage to different discharging ports.

The words in the Exxonvoy bill of lading upon which the appeal turned were the same irrespective of whether it was issued in respect of a complete or a part of the cargo, received on board at the first or any subsequent loading port for carriage to and discharge at the last or any previous discharging port.

There must be ascribed to the words a meaning that would make good commercial sense if the Exxonvoy bill of lading were issued in any of those situations, and not some meaning that imposed upon a transferee to whom the bill of lading for goods afloat was negotiated, a financial liability of unknown extent that no businessman in his senses would be willing to incur.

The owners argued for the manipulation of the words "charterer" in the demurrage clause so as to substitute for it "consignee" or "bill of lading holder" when that clause was incorporated into the Exxonvoy bill of lading. They argued that the incorporatation clause required one to treat the bill of lading as if it included the provisions contained in the demurrage clause.

There were various combinations of circumstances affecting the using up of laytime and the actual accrual of liability to pay demurrage in which a bill of lading for some part of the cargo might be issued by the master on behalf of the owners or after having been issued might be negotiated by the holder of the bill.

Laytime might have been exhausted and the vessel might already be on demurrage before any cargo had been shipped at the first loading port, let alone subsequent loading ports if the charterparty gave an option for more than one.

After completion of loading of the full cargo any unused laytime would start running again on arrival at the first discharging port and would continue to run either until the cargo had been completely discharged there or at subsequent discharging ports, or the laytime was exhausted and liability for demurrage started to accrue.

So if the owners were right in their contention as to the construction of the incorporation clause, it had the effect that every consignee to whom a bill of lading covering any part of a cargo was negotiated, was not only accepting blindfold a potential ability to pay to the owners an unknown and wholly unpredictable sum for demurrage which might, unknown to him already have accrued or might subsequently accrue without any ability on his part to prevent it, even though that sum might actually exceed the delivered value of the goods to which the bill of lading gave title.

No businessman who had not taken leave of his senses would intentionally enter into a contract which exposed him to a potential liability of that kind, and that in itself was an overwhelming reason for not indulging in verbal manipulation of the actual contractual words used in the charterparty to give them that effect when they were treated as incorporated in the bill of lading.

As there was no cesser clause in Exxonvoy 1969 "parties concerned in this shipment" included the charterers until completion of discharge of the vessel as well as the holders of the Exxonvoy bill of lading as consignees.

Exxonvoy 1969 comprised a preamble which stated the parties, described as "owner" and "charterer" respectively. That was followed by Part I in which particulars of the chartered voyage were to be inserted including, total laytime in running hours and the rate of demurrage.

Part II which was in standard printed form consisted of 26 numbered clauses to which there was annexed the Exxonvoy bill of lading. In 22 of those 26 clauses there were express references to the contractual rights of obligations of "the charterers" under that designation.

There was no business reason for verbal manipulation of that designation in any of those clauses so as to substitute for the words "charterer" or to include within that expression "the consignee" or "holder of a bill of lading."

There was no justification for resort to the maxim of construction *falsa demonstratio non nocet cum de corpore constat* as induced their Lordships' House in *Adamastos Shipping Co Ltd v Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co* ([1959] AC 133) to treat the words "This bill of lading" as if they were "This charterparty".

In the instant case every reference to the "charterer" by that designation in Exxonvoy 1969 although it would not necessarily affect directly legal obligations as between the owner and consignee would nevertheless make perfectly good sense when incorporated verbatim in the bill of lading if it meant the charterer in the charterparty and no one else.

Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill, Lord Brandon and Lord Brightman agreed.

Solicitors: Holman Fenwick & Willan; Waltons & Morse.

Setting Mareva record straight

Campbell Mussells and Others v Thompson and Another

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Griffiths) dismissed on May 24 an appeal by plaintiffs against Mr Justice Bingham's judgment on May 23 modifying a Mareva injunction made against the assets of the first defendant.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the whole appeal had been based ultimately on regarding what was said in *A v C (No 2) (Note)* ([1981] QB 961) as being holy writ which limited the discretion of judges administering the Mareva jurisdiction.

What that case was said to decide was stated in paragraph 29/1/11F of the *Seventh Cumulative Supplement* to the *Supreme Court Practice 1982* to be: "Although the court had power to qualify a Mareva injunction in relation to assets which were subject to the injunction . . . such a qualification will not be made unless the defendant satisfied the court not merely that he owed money to someone but also that he did not have any other assets available out of which that debt would be paid. In the absence of such evidence, the court would not permit the defendants to pay out of the assets subject to the injunction the legal costs likely to be incurred by them in the proceedings."

If that case did so decide, it decided it wrongly. Every case had to be dealt with on its own merits.

The "fundamental purpose" of the Mareva injunction was stated in *A v C (No 2)* quoting *Iraqi Ministry of Defence v Arcepey Shipping Co SA* ([1981] QB 65.70): "to prevent foreign parties from causing assets to be removed from the jurisdiction in order to avoid the risk of having to satisfy any judgment which may be entered against them in pending proceedings in this country . . .".

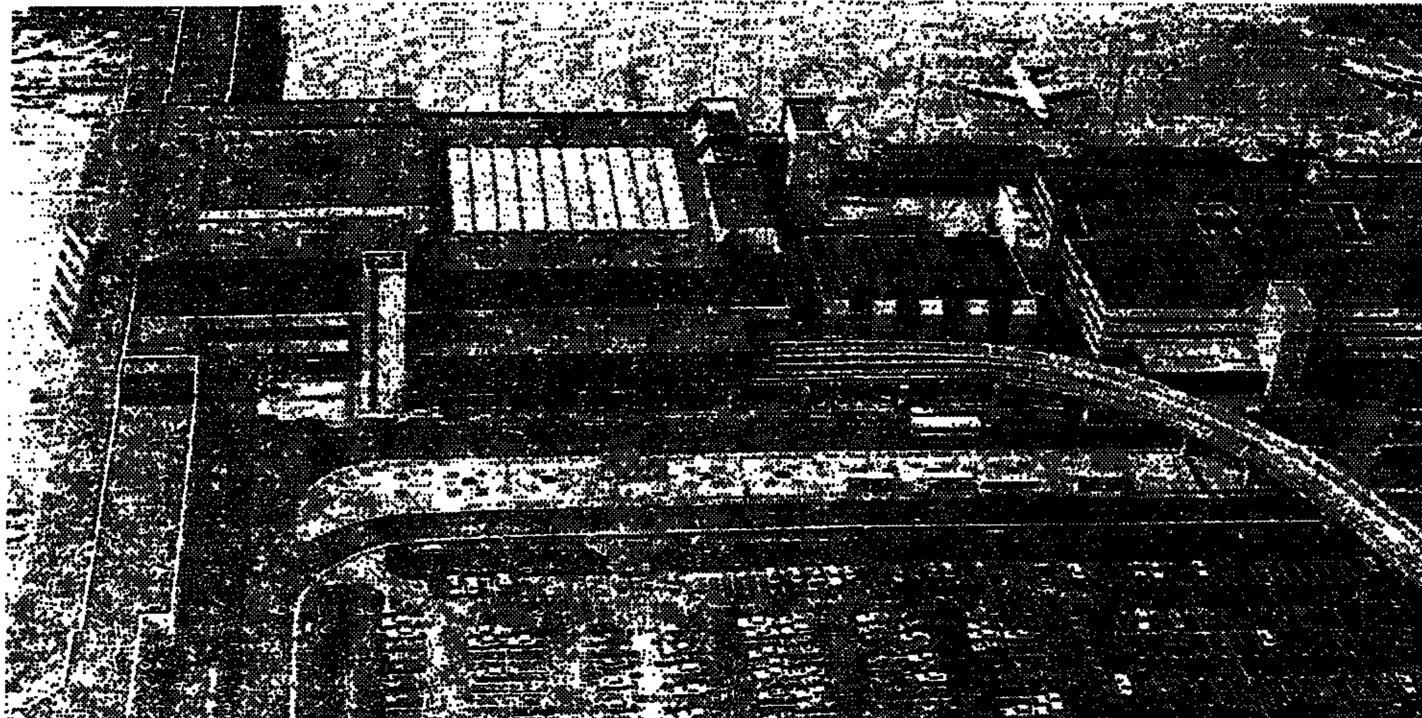
The Mareva jurisdiction had never been intended to allow a plaintiff to put himself in the position of being a secured creditor.

A cross appeal was allowed to the extent of making stated provision for meeting the first defendant's legal costs.

LORD JUSTICE GRIFFITHS agreeing said that the note in the *Supplement* did not fairly represent the *ratio* in *A v C (No 2)*.

Birmingham International Airport

West Midlands air travel moves into a new era with the formal opening today by the Queen of a £60m terminal





Birmingham's new international airport (left) has been designed to cater for up to three million passengers a year by 1990. (Right) Driverless trains without wheels connect the terminal with the mainline rail station and NEC near by.

The position of Birmingham as one of Britain's premier centres of industry and commerce is considerably enhanced by the completion of a new international airport terminal and associated works, to be opened formally today by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The project, which has cost £60m, and which has provided up to 1,500 construction jobs since 1981, replaces the old terminal on the other side of the city airport, commissioned in 1939 at a cost of £350,000. In the intervening 45 years, the old terminal became badly outmoded and over-crowded, while doing little for Birmingham's image as a bustling business crossroads.

Last year, those running the old terminal passed 1.6m passengers through it only with the greatest of difficulty. By 1985, that annual figure is likely to be 1.9m, and by 1990 2.7m. The new terminal has been designed from the outset to accommodate up to three million passengers annually, and there is space nearby for expansion when this figure is exceeded some time in the future.

In addition to the terminal building, which incorporates many of the latest passenger and baggage-handling concepts, the Birmingham project includes 20 new aircraft stands, eight of them big enough to take wide-bodied jets, taxiways, car parks, aircraft aprons, fire station, control tower for ground operations, improved guidance lighting and instrument landing systems, and driverless trains, running on the principle of magnetic levitation and without wheels, connecting the terminal with the main-line rail station and the National Exhibition Centre nearby.

The impact of the project, and of the airliners which will use it, on the local community was carefully considered, with the result that 670,000 of the 1.3m cubic metres of earth excavated were reused to construct noise barriers. The West Midlands County Council, operator of the airport, is empowered by Act of Parliament to make grants to householders for the insulation of their property, and some £5m has been committed so far.

An advanced noise-monitoring system is being installed, and the county council claims that all of these measures will give one of the quietest environments around any of the larger airports in Britain.

John Laing, the main contractors, handed the new construction over to the county council in January this year, 18 weeks ahead of schedule, and after final fitting out the airlines moved from the old terminal into the new during April. Since then, apart from the usual problems associated with the commissioning of any complex new building, the facilities have been working well.

Journey times for passengers through the airport, from the moment of touchdown to leaving the site, are being improved dramatically due not only to the MAGLEV train connexion mentioned earlier, but to the fact that the terminal and its car parks were placed close to the M6 and M42 motorways, and that a taxiway parallel to the airport main runway was constructed to enable airliners to turn off at speed after landing, so minimizing the time spent on the ground before disembarkation.

With its vastly upgraded facilities, Birmingham now hopes to attract more airline services, and also to become a place to which operators can divert when bad weather closes other airports in Britain. But while new facilities are available for jumbo jets, the airport is also increasingly becoming a centre for the new breed of commuter airlines which has prospered in recent years.

The future for Birmingham airport looks set fair, the only cloud on the immediate horizon being who will run the new facility when the West Midlands County Council is swept away by Act of Parliament in May next year. But despite this uncertainty, Councillor Colin Beardwood, chairman of the airport committee, remains confident that the development can only have an advantageous effect on the local travel scene.

He said, "The new airport will give holidaymakers, business travellers, and general air passengers alike the most-modern and efficient airport facilities in Europe. It will do much to put the region on the international business map, besides enhancing the reputation of the West Midlands as the industrial and commercial heartland of the country."

Arthur Reed

Gateway to the sun

The new Birmingham airport terminal is designed on three main floors, the first two given over to departing and arriving passengers, and the top floor to administration offices, and the novel feature of a special gallery for aircraft spotters.

A glass roof allows the outside light into the central well around which the terminal is constructed, and the steel-frame structure is clad in moulded panels and tinted glass. On the ground level are the check-in and baggage handling halls, ticket desks, lounges for passengers, buffets, the Customs hall, and immigration.

Further eating facilities are on the first floor, together with more flight lounges, passport control, the MAGLEV driverless train terminus, and entrances to the two piers, one 920 feet long, the other 800 feet, through which the airliners are approached.

The construction project was one of the biggest yet carried out in the West Midlands, with immense amounts of materials involved. Some 130,000 cubic metres of crushed stone foundation were used for the taxiways and aircraft apron, capped with 120,000 cubic metres of concrete, while drainage work took up 20 km of piping.

Space, light and air

West Midlands County Council's own "in-house" architects and engineers designed the new terminal. Silk and Frazier acted as quantity surveyors, W. S. Atkins Partners as mechanical and electrical consultants, and W. A. Clouston and Partners as external landscape consultants. Structural engineering advice was provided by the county council's county surveyor's department, which also acted as project manager.

Main contractor was John Laing Construction, and the project was completed in less than three years, a considerable feat when it is considered that more than 50 groups had to be catered for in the design and building, from passengers to the airlines, from spectators and those who go to see passengers off and greet them on return, to the many bodies providing essential services.

The overall impression given by the terminal, which has a total floor area of 16,000 square metres, is one of space, light and air, with a bright and welcoming atmosphere to both of the main groups of passengers who patronize it, the Midlands businessman, and the thousands of families from the region who see it on their annual package holiday excursions as their, "gateway to the sun".

Making life easier for the traveller

The considerable number of passengers who have passed through the new terminal between its commissioning earlier this year, and today's formal opening have found facilities greatly improved compared with those in the old terminal, designed during an aviation era when the maximum load in an airliner was 40 passengers, rather than the 400 of today.

Distance from the front door of the terminal to the check-in desks where passengers can hand over their heavy luggage is a few yards only, and there are escalators to carry the travellers to the first floor, from which the airliners are boarded.

The twenty new aircraft stands are approached down one of two piers, and then through air bridges which adjust in height to the aircraft which they are serving, from a small commuter to a wide-bodied jumbo. One of the major drawbacks of the old terminal was that passengers had to be shepherded by ground staff across the airliner parking apron, with no shelter from the elements, to and from their flights.

West Midlands County Council, operator of the airport, estimates that its new terminal can deal with 33,000 aircraft movements a year.

Access to the terminal is also easier, as it is connected to the main-line rail station by its own train, while those coming by car have only a short distance to drive off the motorway system, and can then park in a choice of car parks offering 5,000 spaces. This is particularly useful for the many business executives in the Midlands who need to travel easily to the commercial centres of Europe without the inconvenience of a time-consuming journey to Heathrow or Gatwick.

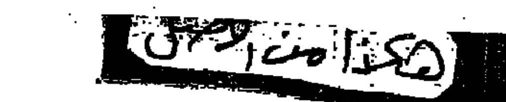
Commuter airlines are well established at Birmingham, offering services mainly aimed at the region's big business community with aircraft capacity ranging between 12 and 70 seats.

Nor have those whose main interest is watching airliners, rather than travelling in them – the aircraft spotters – been forgotten. A special gallery was designed-in for the spotters before the project began in the early 1980s. It is approached by its own separate entrance, so that the enthusiasts do not come into conflict with the passengers, and so wildly popular has it proved during the few weeks that it has been open that the airport authorities are under heavy pressure to issue a season ticket.

The county council hopes that the popularity of the modern facilities which it has provided, plus the designation of part of the airport site as a freeport, and the starting of a £2m development of air cargo facilities, will generate sufficient new business to push the airport back into the black.

Birmingham airport has returned profits for almost 10 years, but is forecast to lose up to £2m in the current year as a result of the costs associated with the big expansion which has taken place. Government contributed £24.5m in grants towards the cost, and the European Investment Bank £21.5m in cheap loans, but despite this substantial help, other loans, and the ploughing in of £1.6m in airport profits from previous years, some £5m had to be appropriated from the county council general rate fund to top the expenditure up to the total of £60m.

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No tears about losing the 'bus shelter' image

Some said the old Elmdon airport was a rather homely place, but nostalgia is little help to a major modern airline attempting to offer passengers at a regional airport the facilities they have learned to accept at international level.

That is why Captain Rod Clarke, British Airways general manager in the Midlands, is shedding no tears now that the new has replaced the old at Birmingham International. He is dealing with more than 400,000 passengers on scheduled and weekend charter services and the new terminal is not a luxury, but a basic requirement.

He said: "We have to offer everything that goes with a fast jet service. We offer that service in the air and it is very pleasing that our landlords have now done the same on the ground".

British Airways is the largest scheduled operator at Birmingham International, providing both domestic and European services on BAC One Elevens, but in all there are about 30 separate airlines operating from the airport and up to 80 inclusive tour companies have brought holiday traffic there up to the 50 per cent mark.

The old "bus shelter" image of some of Britain's local airports has been despatched forever. Apart from the well-known names of British Midland, Dan Air, Aer Lingus and Brymon, Birmingham airport truly earns the "international" tab with Air India flights to Amritsar, Bombay, Delhi and Moscow, Cyprus Airways to Lanarca and Wardair advanced booking charter services to Canada. That is without mentioning the growing list of European and Mediterranean holiday destinations.

Congestion cut inside and out

Horizon, the Birmingham-based holiday company, is the leading inclusive tour operator through its airline Orion. More recently a number of other companies have significantly increased their business at Birmingham.

Birmingham Executive Airways – which picked up some of the routes dropped by British Airways – is a newcomer at Birmingham and boasts its own passenger ticket desk for flights to Zurich, Copenhagen and Aberdeen.

In providing such a range of services the airport now has a total of 70 employers and 2,500 staff. The new three-storey terminal building provides about five times the space of the old, cramped complex.

The established runway system has been retained but to the relief of the airlines a new, parallel taxiway eliminates many of the former problems of congestion.

From the main building stretch a 920 feet international pier and an 800 feet long common pier, both equipped with adjustable enclosed bridges allowing passengers to walk directly into a waiting aircraft.

A domestic service apron has 20 aircraft stands, eight of which can accommodate wide-bodied jets – vital for the airport's anticipated role as a major diversion airport.

The ground floor of the terminal building contains the check in hall, ticket desks, baggage handling area, domestic-international flight lounges, buffet, immigration control and customs.

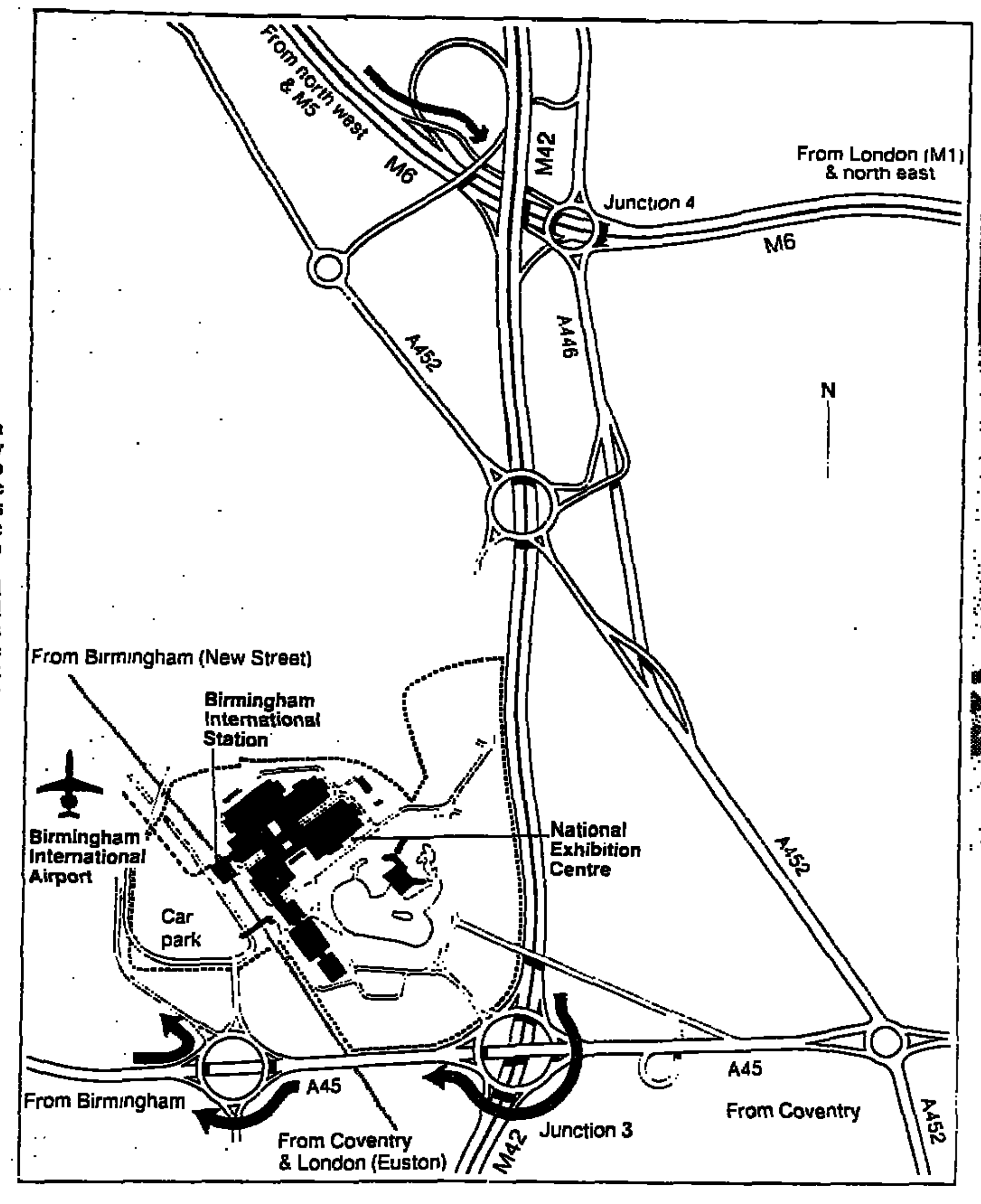
On the floor above is the MAGLEV terminal, departure lounges and passport control and the entrance to the piers. The top storey houses administration officers and facilities for those seeing off and welcoming home passengers.

It is facilities such as these that make life so much easier for the passengers and thus for the airlines and airport authorities.

There is more than a small sigh of relief in Captain Clarke's voice when he describes the facilities he can now offer passengers. A pilot for 32 years, he still takes the controls on some scheduled British Airways services and experiences at first hand the "sharp end" of passenger discomfort and frustration caused by poor airport facilities.

He said: "We want the total package, from buying a ticket to computerized checking in, to be as smooth, efficient and pleasing an experience for the customer as it can be."

Craig Seton
Midland Correspondent





Easy access for passengers to aircraft from the new apron tiers at Birmingham, and left, the motorway links.

Waiting for the gamble to pay off

When British Airways shed some of its European services from Birmingham in its "leaner and fitter" operation, it was not long before they were gratefully picked up and used to establish a new airline – Birmingham Executive Airways.

The infant new enterprise is now striving to establish its name alongside the better known carriers at Birmingham International and attempting to maintain and even widen the range of choice available to an increasing selective travelling public.

In the growing competitive world of airlines, there was some surprise that a new carrier could slot in and find business at Birmingham. British Airways pulled in its horns to concentrate on established domestic and European routes while British Midland, Aer Lingus, NLM, Dan Air and Brymon looked after other important domestic and continental routes.

According to Mr Robert Taylor, director of Birmingham International, the pattern of air travel has changed significantly since 1977-78 when the planning application was submitted for the new airport complex.

Then, he said, scheduled services represented 60 per cent of airport traffic. Of the 1,613,000 passengers carried last year the total was about equally divided between scheduled services and charter and inclusive tours.

It indicated how air travellers – holidaymakers increasingly – were demanding a fuller and better service at local level and inclusive tours from regional centres rapidly grew as the holiday companies responded to that demand.

Mr Taylor said all concerned agreed when the new airport was being planned that it should be a short to medium haul operation.

"It meant we did not compete with Heathrow or Manchester and we knew it was commercially right for the region. I think our market will stay pretty much as it is now – split 50-50. Scheduled services were badly hit by the recession but I think there is going to be greater liberalization of route structures and that could well bring up sheduled services again."

The airport has been developed to cope annually with three million passengers and 33,000 take off and landings by 1990 – its planning year – and for it to reach anything like that figure there would have to be a considerable expansion in domestic and international scheduled services and the package holiday trade.

Horizon, through its airline Orion, is the largest holiday group operating out of Birmingham and is carrying more than 110,000 passengers a year. Mr Brian Summers, the airport's commercial director, said almost 80 tour operators used the airline – an increase of 15 in the current year – and early indications already suggested a "sizeable increase" in their operations this year.

While tour operators and established airlines wait for the end of the recession and the new business they hope will be created, many eyes are on Captain Trevor Jones, managing director of Birmingham Executive Airways, to see if his gamble at the new airport pays off.

He moved quickly when British Airways gave up its Brussels, Milan, Copenhagen and Zurich routes to concentrate on European services to Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Amsterdam, Paris and Dublin and domestic services to Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Manchester and Belfast.

Birmingham Executive Airways was created on a total issued share capital of £650,000 – Captain Jones put up £100,000 – and using three British Aerospace Jetstream 31 aircraft now runs regular services to Copenhagen, Milan and Zurich.

He said: "None of the British airlines would take over the routes given up by British Airways, except Brussels, and I knew there was no way to make them pay using large aircraft.

"We looked for an aircraft with eight to 18 seats and went to British Aerospace for the Jetstream 31. There is still a tremendous amount of business activity between these cities and the West Midlands."

Birmingham Executive Airways now employs more than 50 people and in the autumn starts services to Stuttgart and Stockholm. It is also buying a larger Gulfstream aircraft to supplement the fleet, which also operates flights to Aberdeen for British Airways.

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Freeport signal for growth in freight

A new 60,000 square feet cargo centre to be built at Birmingham International Airport will be adjacent to and have common access with the proposed new West Midland Freeport, which has raised hopes that there will be a considerable freight "spin-off".

Freight handling is a relatively small part of the airport's operations but Mr Brian Summers the commercial director, believes the new £2m bonded cargo centre and the development of the much larger freeport area could signal new growth.

At present the airport has a cargo handling centre operated by British Airways dealing with about 10,000 tonnes of cargo per year, although only about one quarter of it is air-freighted.

Skyguard is the only specific air cargo carrier, operating a parcels delivery service from Birmingham to Belfast for Securicor.

All other cargo is carried in the holds of scheduled services.

The establishment of a freeport has now excited hopes that its impact on the airport can be nothing but beneficial. The freeport concept gives companies the chance to process, store or manufacture goods in a customs free zone. Duties become payable as they leave, and then only in the home or EEC market.

The first phase will be a £2.5m development on 15 acres and a later stage will involve a further 18 acres.

Mr Summers already has it in mind that an airline dealing purely with freight could be established at Birmingham International to handle the new business that should follow.

He said: "We certainly hope there will be a spin-off. The most advantageous operation for a freeport would be to import goods from outside the EEC and reexport them, using the freeport as a transit point.

"There is no doubt that existing airlines see it as a boost to their opportunities to develop the freight side of their operations.

"We very much want the freight side to develop. At present it is below the level of activity for such a region, but there is an increasing number of opportunities and it is very important that we can offer good freight facilities for the time when the recession ends and industry gets going again."

In a recent survey by Air Haniel – part of Haniel International Forwarders – it was suggested that nearly a half of British exporters would increase the proportion of goods they send by air over the next two years.

Regional airports were shown to be popular with 60 per cent of those who took part in the survey and more than half favoured central-local government subsidies for regional airports. Manchester was the most widely used (53 per cent) followed by Birmingham (22 per cent).

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A train without wheels

A wheelless mini train levitated by electro-magnets 15 millimetres above a 620 metres-long track is the means chosen by the new airport's planners to transfer the 15 per cent of air passengers who use the inter-city rail link from the nearby Birmingham International railway station.

MAGLEV, as the £4m system is called, has not been without its teething troubles. In the weeks up to today's official opening it has been put through its paces many times to ensure that it is problem-free and efficient in the hope and expectation that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will become its most famous passengers.

It has been developed by the People Mover Group, a consortium of many of the top names in the British transport industry together with West Midlands County Council and the research and development division of British Rail.

The revolutionary system, they believe, has many potential applications throughout the world and if it is proven at Birmingham International Airport it could open a large export order book.

At the airport automatic MAGLEV cars will move at up to 30 mph along parallel tracks on a concrete guideway between the airport building and the nearby railway station and National Exhibition Centre.

Each car can carry up to 32 passengers and their luggage and is designed to operate to a fixed schedule or respond to passenger demand. The longest wait for a car should be around two minutes and each journey should take only 90 seconds.

Instead of wheels, each MAGLEV car employs four pairs of electromagnets. These react with steel suspension rails on each side of the "T"-shaped track. When activated, the magnets lift up towards the rails and the vehicle is raised.

Automatic electronic control then maintains a constant air gap of 15mm. Should the power fail, the car settles on to brake pads.

Cars are propelled by a linear induction motor – described as very similar to a conventional rotating electric motor cut and opened out flat. The driverless car contains a micro-computer which has overall control of the vehicle system and incorporates a fail-safe device.

With no rotating or moving parts and no contact with the track while moving, costly regular maintenance of MAGLEV is not required. Operating costs should therefore be much lower than a conventional system.

A short shuttle . . . with a potential market of 'not less than £100m around the world'

Mr Harry Kline, the chairman of GEC Transportation Projects, leader of the People Mover Group, said of the systems's export potential: "There ought to be a market of not less than £100m around the world. We see its application as a short shuttle, when the requirement is to move a large number of people a comparatively short distance between two points."

The immediate past history of MAGLEV started in the 1970s when the Department of Transport asked British Rail's research and development division at Derby to examine the concept and it was taken to "a state of hardware" over several years.

It was realized that private enterprise should be involved and an approach was made through GEC Transportation Projects to the West Midlands County Council to see if a MAGLEV system could be part of the new airport development. Thereafter both Government and the local authority played their part in financing the system, together with the private sector through the consortium.

Considerable interest has been shown in the system, not least from Atlantic City in the United States where MAGLEV cars could be used to transport gamblers from one casino to another. Taiwan Zoo is also said to be watching its progress carefully to assess if it can be used there.

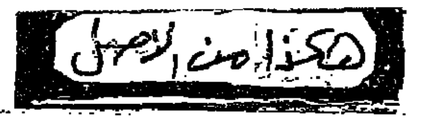
Councillor Colin Beardwood, chairman of the West Midlands County Council airport committee, said the system could easily be used in other airport developments or in pedestrianized centres.

He said: "When we first discussed MAGLEV we realized it would be a first for Britain and could become a real draw, a shop window for the West Midlands. We also knew it was something of a gamble because with a new system of this kind there is a lot of potential for problems. It is a great challenge."

In peak times two trains will be in constant use. At less busy times passengers would be able to summon cars "on request".

The People Mover Group consortium consists of GEC Transportation Projects, Balfour Beatty Power Construction, Brush Electrical Machines, GEC-General Signal, GEC Transmission and Distribution Projects, GEC Witton Kramer and Metro-Cammell who produced the vehicle.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Hambro doubters put reputations at stake

The market is convinced that the projected merger between Charterhouse J. Rothschild and Hambro Life Assurance will not take place. It is a conviction difficult to contest if only because the will to bring about this grand alliance is not universal, either among the general staff or the troops in the field, notably the Hambro Life sales force.

Anything short of a complete merger will shake the reputations of both Mr Jacob Rothschild and Mr Mark Weinberg, whose ambitious reach will be seen to have exceeded their practical grasp.

Consequential damage of a structural kind would be greater for CJR, which has yet to come convincingly together, than for Hambro Life, which is a more coherent entity whose future earnings path has fewer twists and pitfalls.

This contrast in coherence and quality of earnings is said to be the heart of the matter. It is clear that the earnings of the combined group would come from disparate sources, flow with different strength and purity at different times, and not support the share values the new company either deserves or would need for its future growth.

The fault in this reasoning is that if it is valid now, it was valid before CJR decided to buy 25 per cent of Hambro Life from Hambros Bank and Mr Rothschild and Mr Weinberg agreed their master plan. It has taken the opposition to the merger of key people in Hambro Life, led notably by the joint managing director Mr Sydney Lipworth, tot bring it to the fore.

Hambro Life has built its considerable success partly on the life assurance products it has devised but mainly on the selection and motivation of its salesmen. Of the said to be 3,000 of them, about 300, are responsible for 40 per cent of the company's earning. Rewards have taken the form of Hambro Life shares, about which there has been no complaint until now. But a share in a huge financial services conglomerate, in the short term at least, dose not have the same appeal. It the salesmen had not worked that out for themselves, the market did it for them. Hambro Life is patently vulnerable to losing key people, for whom there is no shortage of bidders.

Crucial board meetings are due tomorrow, when some kind of working compromise, far short of a merger is likely to be hammered out since CJR cannot at this stage just ditch its 25 per cent interest in Hambro Life.

Meanwhile Hambros Bank must be smiling (it has presumably banked CJR's cheque) while over at NM Rothschild, smirking might be a better word.

Good omens for Enterprise Oil

Stock market volatility does nothing for the nerves of those promoting new issues. The present shakeout in the market has done little, however, to cast a shadow over the forthcoming flotation of Enterprise Oil, the new Noth Sea exploration and production company which Mr Peter Walker has pieced together from the fringes of Sir Denis Rooke's British Gas empire. Enterprise – which is provisionally scheduled to come to the market in the second half fo next month – still looks the most easily marketable of the three issues which the Government is planning to wheel out of its stable of privatization runners between now and the end of the year. (The others are Jaguar and British Telecom).

For one thing the oil sector is one of the few which have so far not fallen totally foul of the angst which has gripped the markets on both sides of the Atlantic in the last few days. The FT oils index for example has dropped by 65 points in the last nine days.

The oil analysts, who received a group presentation last week, have been mostly impressed by the sharpness of the management team, and the clarity of their thinking about where the company is heading. With nearly £100m of cash in the bank, a debt-free balance sheet and an obvious need to embark on an acquistion course in the interest of making best use of its tax shelters, Enterprise does not lack opportunities.

The main worry so far has been whether the company will make a mess of the expansionist programme it acknowledges will be necessary in the next couple of years. Shareholders in both oil companies and their banks have learnt the hard way in the last three years that it is only too easy to pay too much or buy a dud in the oil business.

The floatation is scheduled to take place on about June 20, and should raise more than £400m for the Treasury. The total could be exceeded comfortably by £50m or so if all goes well. No decision about tender or fixed price offer has yet been taken, but there seems quite a stronge case for a tender. Kleinwort Benson, the lead bank to the issue, will clearly want to give Enterprise a rating nearer that of Charterhouse Petroleum, the most successful of the independent oil companies, than that of the lamented Britoil. Pending the prospectus, the omens are looking good.

A deficit too bad to be true

The monthly trade figures habitually swing about and they are also subject to the most enormous revisions. The markets therefore treated yesterday's announcement of a record monthly deficit on current account of £588m in April with some scepticism. The figures simply had to be too bad to be true and the official explanation lends support to this view.

The visible trade deficit expanded from £227m to £838m but about two-thirds of this deterioration was due to a much reduced surplus on oil trade. Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, can apparently take about a quarter of the credit for this but the bulk of the drop in the oil surplus is attributed to oil companies building up stocks because of growing tensions in the Gulf.

Stripping out trade and particularly erratic items such as ships and precious stones, the Government can take comfort from the latest three-monthly trends which show export volume 2½ per cent higher and imports only 2 per cent up. Longer term the government statisticians detect some fattening out in non-oil export growth while import volume is continuing to rise.

At this stage the Government is sticking to its budget-time forecast of a £2 billion current account surplus this year. The average margin of error on official forecasts for the current account is about £2.5 billion.

Despite comforting explanations, and yesterday's muted reaction in the foreign exchange markets, the latest trade figures will not help the cause of limiting the upward movement in British interest rates. Money markets were calmer yesterday and the authorities are clearly keen to delay any rise in base rates until conditions have settled.

The clearers for their part will almost certainly wait for next week's money supply figures before reaching any decision but it is hard to see how a further increase in base rates from the prevailing 9 to 9.25 per cent can be avoided.

Final Sumitomo deal will save Fort Dunlop jobs

By Andrew Cornelius

The battle to revive Dunlop Holdings, the troubled tyres and engineering group, continued yesterday with news that proposals for a capital reconstruction will be announced in August.

Sir Maurice Hodgson, said after a stormy two-hour shareholders' meeting in London that all the steps had been taken for a financial reorganization.

He also confirmed that the final details of the £120m deal to sell Dunlop's European tyre business to Sumitomo Rubber Industries of Japan were agreed last Sunday. Sumitomo has agreed to keep open the Fort Dunlop tyre plant in Birmingham which means that several hundred jobs will be saved, Sir Maurice said.

Within the next three to four weeks Dunlop also hopes to announce the first of a series of divestments planned as part of the group's recovery strategy. Negotiations will then begin with more than 40 banks which have supported Dunlop to reschedule short-term debts of more than £350m.

"This may well involve converting loans to equity," Sir Maurice said.

Sir Maurice was also forced to defend the board's decision to pay £134,000 compensation to his predecessor Sir Campbell Fraser, whose contract was terminated in January, in a deal which included a Rolls-Royce, the use of a company chauffeur, access to an office in Mayfair and the honorary position as president of Dunlop.

Shareholders were told that the deal was reached after legal advice. Sir Maurice said that the contract was broken and there was an obligation to pay for that. He added that the final judgment about the size of the payment for the 16 months remaining of Sir Campbell's contract "was made by me".

After a close vet by shareholders at the meeting to approve the annual report and



Sir Maurice: reorganization set for August

accounts for 1983, Sir Maurice decided to poll all shareholders on the reappointment of five directors. The result of the poll will be announced on Friday.

As the meeting finished, Sir Maurice was further embarrassed when Mr Vernon Morrell, who claims to hold 200,000 Dunlop shares, said that a motion approving the appointment of Mr Ghafar Baba, chairman of Pegi Malaysia, the largest shareholders in Dunlop, had not been put to the meeting.

Sir Maurice hastily reconvened the meeting and put forward the resolution despite protests from shareholders who claimed that this was in breach of the company's rules.

Earlier, Sir Maurice attempted to appease shareholders by explaining that 1984 was a year of transition. With the ending of the cash drain of the European tyre activities, strategy will be to continue to support profitable tyre operations overseas while reinforcing the development of existing high technology products.

Under the timetable agreed for the sale of the European tyre business, Sumitomo will take over Dunlop's British and West German tyre manufacturing operations on January 1. The future of the tyre retail operations in the two countries has yet to be resolved.

GrandMet in US sale

Grand Metropolitan has announced that an agreement in principle has been reached for the sale of its American cigarette business, Liggett & Myers, to a group of management, employees and outside investors for around about $325m (£235m).

Negotiations have been in progress for several months for the sale of L & M which last year made an operating profit of $60.5m. The purchase consideration will be in cash.

Completion of the transction independent on the finalization of financial arrangements and the negotiations of a definitive agreement.

L & M has performed very successfully due to its generic brand cigarettes.

STOCK EXCHANGES

Amsterdam: 172.5 up 0.7
Sydney: AO Index 676.3 down 1.7
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1006.4 up 1.1
Brussels: General Index 150.93 down 0.88
Paris: CAC Index 172.1 up 0.6
Zurich: SKA General 301.80 up 0.30

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.3860 up 10 pts
Index 79.6 up 0.2
DM 3.7875 up 0.0150
FrF 11.6550 up 0.05
Yen 321.25 up 0.05

Dollar
Index 131.3 up 0.4
DM 2.7325 up 0.0125

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.3890
Dollar DM 2.7290

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9, 9¼
Finance houses base rate 9
Discount market loans week fixed 7
3 month interbank 9¾ - 9⅝

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11¾ - 11⅝
3 month DM 6¹⁄₁₆ - 5¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 month Fr F13⁹⁄₁₆ - 13⁷⁄₁₆

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.50
Fed funds 10⁷⁄₁₆
Treasury long bond 96 - 96⅛

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period from April 4, to May 1, 1984 inclusive: 8.934 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $385.50 pm $385.60
close $385.50-$386 (£278.75-£279.25)
New York (latest): $386.50
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$397-398 (£287-287.75)
Sovereigns* (new):
$90.75-$91.75 (£65.50-£66.25)
*Excludes VAT

Rebel plea to extend SE deadline rejected

By Our City Staff

Small and medium-sized stockbroking firms opposed to the Stock Exchange Council's acceptance of a new dual-capacity system have had a request turned down for a two-month extension of the discussion deadline.

All views on the Exchange's consultative green paper, setting out the options facing the 200 of so member firms, should be with the council by Thursday.

By July, the new deadline sought by the rebel firms, the Stock Exchange intend to have made up its mind.

Meanwhile a new name has been added to the list of candidates proposed fro election to the Stock Exchange Council – Mr Keith Goldie-Morrison, of Keith Bayley Rogers, who is also on the action committee of the rebel brokers.

The two factors are Mr Jeremy Lewis of Seymour, Pierce, which provided the focal point for opposition, and Mr Jonathan Miller, of Fielding Newson-Smith.

If this is all designed to give the smaller man an increased say at the policy-making table, many more will have to come forward. On current numbers there is only one more name than seats available.

● Exco International, the money broking group, has changed its mind about plans for entering the London stock market.

Instead of starting its own firm, it is to take a 29.9 per cent stake in the eight-partner firm of Galloway & Pearson, which will merge with Wico, Exco's Hongkong-based stockbroker.

Mr Bill Matthews of Exco said yesterday: "We are determined to form a major securities house based out of the UK.

We considered buying a bigger firm, but rejected that for a position we could influence, support and direct."

Galloway & Pearson has 57 staff and serves mainly institutional clients. It specializes in research into gilts, retailing, insurance, South Africa, and non-manufactured food.

Steinberg in proxy battle for Disney

From Nick Gilbert, New York

Mr Paul Steinberg, the Wall Street financier is making his long-awaited move on Walt Disney. Yesterday Mr Steinberg who controls 12 per cent of the film conglomerate, said he would launch a "proxy fight" against the Disney board.

This common American manoeuvre usually involves attempting to unseat company directors and replacing them with new ones appointed by dissident shareholders.

Mr Steinberg has announced plans to increase his Disney stake to 49.9 per cent via a tender offer or open market purchases. But this would cost him $870m (£630m). A proxy fight if successful would provide control at a much cheaper price.

Earlier Disney shares, driven up from $40 to more then $65 in past weeks by bid speculation, slipped slightly when the US hotel chain, Marriott Corporation denied it would help Mr Steinberg in his attempts to control the future of Walt Disney.

He also claims to be talking to "potential investors" about joining forces, renewing suggestions that he may link up with Mr Roy Disney. The nephew of the late Walt Disney started the speculation surrounding the company when he resigned from the board and prompt bought more shares, taking his own stake to 4 per cent.

On the same day, Mr Steinberg also began buying Disney shares.

Both Mr Steinberg and Mr Disney are outraged by the company's latest defensive manoeuvre – a plan to buy a smaller theme park concern, Arvida Corporation, in exchange for shares. This move would give the Texan oil millionaires, the Bass Brothers, who own most of Arvida, 7 per cent of Disney shares. Fuelling thoughts of a Steinberg-Disney link-up is the fact that the two men have both engaged Wall Street investment bankers Drexal Burnham to act for them.

Analysts note that neither party is usually interested in making a full takeover bid, preferring to scare a beleagued company's executives into buying back their stakes, usually at large premiums to the market price.

Mr Steinberg made an $11m profit when the oil company Quaker State bought a 9 per cent stake back from him.

Mirror set for profits to nosedive

By Philip Robinson

Profit expectations for Mirror Group Newspapers are now even worse than was predicted in March. At that time it emerged that profits would be halved to £4m, but they are now unlikely to top £1m.

The new blow to the £100m flotation comes after Mr Clive Thornton, chairman, issued a stern message to 8,900 staff that economics must be made to put the newspapers on a profitable footing. However, a memo to all journalistic staff to halve business entertainment has so far has been ignored.

Mr Douglas Long, chief executive, refused to confirm or deny the figures yesterday. He said: "You know I cannot say anything while the prospectus is being prepared. It is still being drawn up."

The cash from the June 4 flotation of the news agency Reuters, estimated to net £30m for MGN, will not be with the company until June 12.

Meanwhile, some indication of just how MGN has fared this year should emerge on Tuesday when its parent company, Reed International, discloses its profits for the

NEWS IN BRIEF

150 jobs at computer plant

The Align-rite Corporation of Burbank, California, has set up Europe's first purpose-built semi-conductor photomask operation in Wales, creating 150 jobs over the next three years.

The new company, Align-rite Ltd, will be the first tenant on the Mid-Glamorgan Science Park at Bridgend, where it will make the masks which are a critical part in the manufacture of microchips.

● A FINAL dividend of 4.39p is planned at Allied-Lyons, making 6.81p (6.05p) for the year to March 31. Pretax profits were £195m (£160m) on sales ahead from £2.6 billion to £2.85 billion.

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● INCHCAPE, the international trading group, increased pretax profits from £50.3m to £53m for the year to December 31. Turnover was up from £1,697 to £1,766m. The final dividend of 11p makes 18.15p for the year, the same as in 1982.

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● COURTAULDS, the textiles and chemicals concern, increased pretax profits to £117.8m for the year to March 31, up from £63.3m. Turnover was up from £1905.5m to £2038.1m. A final dividend of 3p makes 4.2p for the year (3.25p)

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● A WARNING of price increases for lubricants and special oils purchased on long-term contracts has gone to industry from Esso, BP and Gulf.

Botha 'seeks S African investment'

By Our City Staff

Senior executives of South African corporations believe that behind the visit to London of their prime minister, Mr P. W. Botha, lies a call for British companies to set up in South Africa to help the ailing economy.

Mr Botha, whose politics have not proved popular with all his colleagues, is expected to tell Mrs Thatcher that if the western world does not help the South African economy to recover, then neighbouring countries heavily dependent on its prosperity will look more towards the communists for help.

Mr Edward Pavitt, president of the South Africa Foundation, representing 2,000 of the country's leading companies, said in London yesterday: "I don't know what he (Mr Botha) is going to say but he must tell Mrs Thatcher that to stop a number of black African countries from turning more to the communists, the West must help our economy."

Mr Pavitt, also current chairman of General Mining Union Corporation in South Africa, said the country was hardly encouraged by a number of British companies recently selling up and leaving.

Single South-east retailing group nearer

CWS plans Co-op merger

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The South Suburban Co-operative Society based in Croydon, Surrey and among the top 25 retail Co-ops, is expected to merge soon with the Co-operative Wholesale Society. A final decision will be made at a meeting of South Suburban's members next month. It emerged at the Coop Congress in Blackpool yesterday.

This would be the first entry into England by CWS as a retailer and is a pointer to radical change in the Co-op's retailing structure.

The CWS supplys goods and services to the 123 retail Co-ops, but it runs most Co-op retailing in Scotland and Northern Ireland after rescues of retail societies. The powerful CWS, of which the Co-operative Bank and the CIS insurance arm are part, might stop the Co-op's slide in the South-east.

The Co-op is under most pressure in the South-East from big multiple grocers like J. Sainsbury and Tesco Stores. These two alone account for about two thirds of the grocery market in the Greater London area. The Co-op's regional market share is one of its lowest at just under 10 per cent.

The burden of the Co-op battle in the South-East is being carried by three organizations. One is Manchester-based CRS, traditionally the rescue service for troubled retail societies, which absorbed the London Co-op Society that operated north of the Thames.

South of the river, extending into Kent and Surrey there is South Suburban, with a turnover of more than £50m and Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, based at Woolwich, whose trade last year was £160m. South Suburban and Royal Arsenal have run into trading losses for four years consecutively, in each case amounting to a total of about £10m.

Attempts failed to create a stronger single unit by merging Royal Arsenal and South Suburban with the smaller Invicta Society.

But with its mounting problems South Suburban turned to CWS for help. The normal route would have been a merger with CRS, but the Co-op's biggest single retailer is still coping with the accumulated losses and problems of the old London Society.

CRS's reserves of £60m were almost halved during 1981 and 1982 after the London Society takeover, although a CRS trading deficit of £13.2m in 1982 was last year turned round to a £6m surplus.

The logical framework for a South-eastern regional society would be to put together South Suburban's Royal Arsenal, Invicta and the old London Co-op's area. But there is no sign that Royal Arsenal is in any hurry to join the CWS

WALL STREET

	May 25	May 24
AMF Inc	15	15
AMR	37⅞	38½
Allied Chem	49	49¾
Allied Stores	40	39⅝
Allis Chalmers	11¾	11⅝
Alcoa	33	33¼
Amax Inc	22⅝	22½
Amerada Hess	30⅞	30⅝
Am Brands	53⅞	53⅝
Am Broadcast	56⅝	56⅞
Am Can	41¼	41½
Am Cyanamid	47	47¼
Am Elec Power	15⅝	15⅝
Am Home	53	52⅞
Am Motors	4¼	4⅛
Am Nat Res	31¾	31¼
Am Standard	27¾	28¼
Am Telephone	15½	15½
Armco Steel	16¼	16⅞
Asarco	27¼	27⅛
Ashland Oil	26⅝	26½
Atlntic Richfield	48⅝	48¾
Arco	27⅞	28
Avon Products	20¾	20
Bankers Tst NY	39¾	38
Bank of America	17⅝	17½
Bank of Boston	32	31¾
Bank of NY	27⅞	27⅝
Beatrice Foods	28½	28⅝
Bethlehem Steel	20⅝	20⅝
Boeing	38	37⅞
Boise Cascade	33⅞	34½
Borden	54	53⅞
Borg Warner	18⅝	18⅝
Bristol Myers	44½	43¾
BP	27⅛	27¼
Burlington Ind	26⅞	25⅞
Burlington Nthn	41	41
Burroughs	49½	49⅝
Campbell Soup	55⅝	54½
Canadian Pacific	30	30
Caterpillar	40⅞	40¾
Celanese	69¾	70
Central Soya	14¾	15
Chase Manhat	41¼	40⅞
Chem Bank NY	27½	26⅞
Chrysler	22½	22⅝
Citicorp	33	32⅝
Clark Equip	27⅞	28
Coca Cola	55⅛	55¼
Colgate	22½	22
CBS	70⅝	69⅝
Columbia Gas	32½	32⅜
Combustion Eng	30½	30⅛
Com'wlth Edison	23	23
Cons Edison	24⅜	25⅛
Cons Foods	36⅛	36⅛
Cons Power	7⅞	7⅞
Continental Grp	35½	35⅛
Control Data	30½	30¾
Corning Glass	61	60⅞
CPC Intnl	35⅝	35½
Crane	34½	33⅝
Crocker Int	20	19
Crown Zeller	29⅞	29⅛
Dart & Kraft	74⅛	74
Deere	29⅞	29⅛
Delta Air	30⅝	30⅞
Detroit Edison	12½	12½
Digital Equip	86	85⅝
Disney	67¼	65⅝
Dow Chemical	29⅝	29½
Dresser Ind	21½	21⅞
Duke Power	23	23
Du Pont	47	47
Eastern Air	5	5
Eastman Kodak	64⅜	64⅞
Eaton Corp	40½	39½
Esmark	57⅞	56½
Evans P. D.	5⅞	6
Exxon Corp	41¼	40
Fed Dept Stores	43⅝	43¾
Firestone	16¾	16½

	May 25	May 24
Fst Chicago	22	21¼
Fst Intst Bncp	31¾	31⅛
Fst Penn Corp	5¼	5¼
Ford	36⅛	36⅝
GAF Corp	18⅛	17⅝
GTE Corp	36½	37⅞
Gen Corp	30⅞	30¾
Gen Dynamics	46¾	47
Gen Electric	52⅞	51¾
Gen Foods	51	50⅝
Gen Mills	50¼	50⅛
Gen Motors	63¾	62⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	8½	8⅝
Genesco	6¾	6¾
Georgia Pacific	19⅝	19¼
Gillette	43⅞	43⅝
Goodrich	28¾	29
Goodyear	23⅝	23⅝
Gould Inc	24	24½
Grace	37	36⅞
Gt Atlic & Pacific	15¾	15½
Greyhound	21¼	22¼
Grumman Corp	23	22¾
Gulf Oil	79¾	79⅞
Gulf & West	31¼	30¼
Heinz H. J.	33	32½
Hercules	29¾	29¾
Honeywell	48⅞	47⅞
IC Inds	42¼	42½
Ingersoll	43⅝	43⅞
Inland Steel	21¼	21¼
IBM	107¼	106⅝
Int Harvester	6⅝	6⅞
INCO	10⅝	10⅝
Int Paper	48	48
Int Tel Tel	34⅜	34
Irving Bank	55½	54¼
Jewel Co	52½	51¼
Jim Walter	22⅞	22¼
Johnson & John	32½	32¼
Kaiser Alumin	14⅝	14¼
Kerr McGee	31½	31½
Kimberly Clark	42¾p	83½
K Mart	28	27⅞
Kroger	29⅞	30¼
L.T.V. Corp	13⅝	13¼
Litton	66¾	66⅞
Lockheed	34⅞	34⅞
Lucky Stores	16	16⅝
Manuf Hanover	28¼	27½
Manville Cp	9¼	9¼
Mapco	25⅝	28¼
Marine Midland	22	21¾
Martin Marietta	33⅝	33¾
McDonnell	51⅛	52
Mead	29	28⅝
Merck	87⅛	88
Minnesota Mng	73⅝	73⅝
Mobil Oil	28¼	28
Monsanto	88½	88¼
Morgan J P	65¼	63⅝
Motorola	103⅞	103⅝
NCR Corp	25⅞	25⅝
NL Industries	15⅝	14¼
Nabisco	39⅝	39⅝
Nat Distillers	27⅞	27½
Nat Med Ent	21⅝	22½
Norfolk South	52⅞	52⅛
NW Bancorp	27½	27
Occidental Pet	32	32
Ogden	28⅞	28⅝
Olin Corp	27	27⅞
Owens-Illinois	34⅞	33½
Pacific Gas Elec	13⅝	13¾
Pan Am	5½	5⅝
Penney J C	49⅝	50
Pennzoil	35⅞	36¼
Pepsico	40	40¼
Pfizer	31½	31½
Phelps Dodge	19⅞	19¾
Philip Morris	63¾	64
Phillips Petrol	39⅞	39¼
Polaroid	26¾	27¼

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PPG Ind	26½	26¾
Procter Gamble	48¼	47⅞
Pub Ser El & Gas	21⅞	21⅞
Raytheon	35½	35⅝
RCA Corp	32	32
Republic Steel	24¼	23½
Reynolds Ind	57⅞	57⅞
Reynolds Metal	27⅝	27⅞
Rockwell Int	24½	24¼
Royal Dutch	50⅞	51¼
Safeways	22	22½
St Regis Paper	35	35¼
SFE Sopac	21⅛	21
SCM	38	37⅞
Schlumberger	47⅞	48
Scott Paper	28½	28
Seagram	37⅞	37⅞
Sears Roebuck	30¾	31¼
Shell Oil	58½	58½
Shell Trans	37⅞	37⅞
Signal Co	26⅝	26½
Singer	25¼	24⅞
Smithkline Beck	53½	54⅞
Sony	14¼	14⅝
Sth Cal Edison	36⅞	36⅝
Sperry Corp	37⅛	37⅞
Std Oil Califnia	37	36⅝
Std Oil Indiana	57⅞	57⅞
Std Oil Ohio	47⅞	47⅞
Sterling Drug	24⅝	24½
Stevens J. P.	18⅞	18
Sun Comp	48⅞	48¼
Teledyne	195¾	194½
Tenneco	39⅝	39⅝
Texaco	36⅝	36⅝
Texas East Corp	66½	66⅞
Texas Inst	132	135
Texas Utilities	22½	22⅝
Textron	26⅞	26⅞
TWA	26	26¼
Travelers Corp	29¾	29½
TRW Inc	58½	58¼
UAL Inc	32⅞	33
Union Carbide	53⅝	54
Union Oil Calif	38	36
Un Pacific Corp	43⅝	43⅝
Uniroyal	10½	10⅝
United Brands	15⅝	15⅝
US Industries	21¼	21⅝
US Steel	26⅞	26⅝
Utd Technol	62¾	62
Wachovia	42⅞	43¼
Warner Comms	22⅝	21⅞
Warner Lambert	29⅝	29⅞
Wells Fargo	34⅝	34
Westnghse Elec	40⅝	40¼
Weyerhauser	28⅞	29⅞
Whirlpool	38⅝	38⅝
Woolworth	33⅞	33⅝
Xerox Corp	37	37½
Zenith	24¼	24⅝
Canadian Prices		
Abitibi	25½	25¼
Alcan Alumin	36	36¼
Algoma Steel	21	21¼
Bell Telephone	29¾	29⅝
Cominco	15½	15⅝
Cons Bathurst	26⅝	26¾
Gulf Oil	17¾	17¼
Hawker/Sid Can	16½	16½
Hudson Bay Min	12	12
Imasco	36¼	36¼
Imperial Oil	37⅞	37½
Int Pipe	26¾	26¼
Mass.-Fergsn	3⅞	3⅞
Royal Trustco	24	24
Seagram	41	42½
Steel Co	23	22⅞
Thomson N 'A'	38½	38½
Walker Hiram	21½	21½
WCT	14	13⅞

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● BRISTOL OIL AND MINERALS: The company announce acquisition from Mecom Colombia, a wholly owned subsidiary of the John W Mecom Co. of a 10 per cent five-year promissory note of $4.372.228.78 payable by the Huilex partnership. Bristol will receive from Huilex five equal annual payments of $1.153.382.94.

● DAWSON INTERNATIONAL: Resolution to approve the proposed acquisition of Je Morgan Knitting Mills Inc has been approved.

● RENAISSANCE ENERGY: "The outlook for 1984 is excellent and we expect to continue reporting substanatially improved financial results." Mr R G Greene, president, said in his annual report.

● LEISURETIME INTERNATIONAL: Results for period from November 1, 1983 to April 30, 1984. Interim 1p (0.9p). Figures in £000. Turnover 1.187 (1.076). Pretax loss 138 (198).

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hambro Life soars 15p

By Derek Pain and Michael Clark

The shares of **Hambro Life** soared 15p to 373p yesterday as institutional buyers moved back into the shares of the life assurance group on the basis that its proposed £1,000m merger with **Charterhouse J. Rothschild** (CJR) is definately off.

Charterhouse J. Rothschild shares fell 4p to 88p while analysts attempted to determine the significance of the news, on CJR's future.

Both camps remained tightlipped as the leading executives, Mr Jacob Rothschild and Mr Mark Weinberg, were meeting as a prelude to both holding emergency board meetings tomorrow. An announcement is expected on Friday.

CJR has already paid £60m in cash with an additional tranche of shares worth £60m for Hambros Bank's 25 per cent stake in Hambro Life. Further, CJR has already unloaded its Target Life insurance side as a prelude to its acquisition of Hambro Life.

In the market, analysts were suggesting that Hambro Life was unwilling to merge because it did not like the quality of its earnings.

But a senior source at Hambro Life said: "The only factor preventing a fullscale merger is the difficulty of putting different types at earnings into one financial box. It is a straightforward financial problem. Of finding a situation where the market will live with the injection of a steady earnings growth into a volatile business."

Shares generally remained firmly under the mesmeric influence of Wall Street although **Unilever**, the Anglo Dutch foods to soaps group, was one which attempted to infuse a little excitement into the subdued proceedings.

A meeting between Mr Kenneth Durham, chairman, and analysts left the impression that the group was still making progress and with turnover increasing sharply profits should continue to advance.

For the present year, a figure of around £875m is expected with, perhaps, as much as £960m likely next year.

Unilever was one of the few shares to throw off the gloom but the gain was restricted to 10p at 875p.

Elsewhere, it was another day of uncertainty with most buyers frightened by transatlantic worries, despite the strong noises from the American authorities about their determination to support any more troubled banks.

With what has been a traumatic account limping into its third week, gains were few and far between. Among the FT Index stocks, **Allied-Lyons**, on its figures, and **Grand Metropolitan**, on the sale of its American tobacco side, edged forward.

Oil shares continue to draw strength from the Gulf war even though stock-markets are in the dumps and the exploration company Petrolex should make a cheerful USM debut on Monday. Assets are put at 115p a share and the group has an array of interesting North Sea involvements. The 68p placing price leaves plenty of scope fo enthusiasm.

The market attempted, in early trading, a post-bank holiday rally. But it had little significance and quickly lost momentum. The FT 30-share index closed 1.7 points down at 826.2. Government stocks produced some reasonable gains, up to £⅞, mainly on yield cosiderations.

Oil stocks, on the excalating Gulf conflict, recorded modest gains and Dunlop registered a 1p advance on the annual stocks with bids real and rumoured which made the running and avoided the markdown.

British Aerospace as the rumours of a counter-offer gathered strength, advanced 15p to 336p and the stores group **Waring and Gillow**, where a bidder also lurks, gained 9p to 135p.

Wyndham Engineering as the **Contrl Securities** property group reduced its holding, edged forward 1p to 100p. Luxembourg and Lischtenstein companies have apparently acquired the CS shares and a few more besides.

Computer shares blew a fuse after learning of the expected slump in sales of home computers in America feared this year by manufacturers. This will come as bad news for Britain's growing army of publicly quoted computer and accessories manufacturers which look to the US as a leading growth market. Jobbers in London moved swiftly to stem the exptected flood of selling by marking prices sharply lower. Many of the falls stretched to double figures with **Applied Computers** plunging 60p to 580p, **Atlantic Computers** 10p to 270p, **Case** 40p to 700p, **DPCE Holdings** 15p to 300p, **Logica** 13p to 344p, **Memec** 19p to 290p and **BSE International** 15p to 206p.

The home computer market is one of America's fastest growing markets and the leading manufacturers had estimated that sales would rise from £2.2 billion to £3 billion this year. It now looks as if they will be lucky to top £1.5 billion.

But the shakeout was not confined to fully listed companies. Computer groups on the Unlisted Securities Market also suffered. Among the leaders, **Acorn Computers** dipped 9p to 146p, followed by newcomer **Brikat** 9p to 151p, **CPS Computers** 5p to 140p, **CML Microsystems** 5p to 220p, after 235p, **CPU Computers** 7p to 188p, **Cifer** 3p to 68p, **Memory Computers** 10p to 270p, **Micro Business Systems** 10p to 440p, whie **Microvitec** wiped out an early 5p lead to close unchanged at 188p. Only **NMW Computers** was able to resist the trend with speculative support pushing the price 15p to 284p.

Elsewhere on the USM, **Holden Hydroman**, which makes grills, fairings and wheel arches for the motor industry, made a successful start to trading. The brokers Panmure Gordon placed 1.05 million shares at 93p compared with the opening price yesterday of 100p. The shares rose to 105p – a premium of 12p.

Steel Brothers, the engineering to food group with extensive Middle Eastern interests, slipped 3p to 404p as it was disclosed that **Bricomin Investments**, one of the share buying arms of the British and Commonwealth shipping group, had increased its shareholding.

Bricomin now has just over 42 per cent of Steel's shares and a bid for the rest of the captial cannot be far away.

The **Booker McConnell** agricultural and food retailing group, rose 3p to 129p as takeover speculation continued.

MONEY MARKETS

Comfortable credit conditions brought short-term period rates down a little at the outset, but there was little movement after that.

The longer end stayed firm throughout, reflecting continuing nervousness about American banking problems and base rate prospects.

Business was modest and again mainly confined to one to three months. Trade figures, late in the day, did not help sentiment.

Interbank, overnight money opened at 7¾-½ per cent but held at about 6½-6 per cent for much of the session.

Late trading saw the rate drop to 4 per cent when it was revealed that the authorities had lent £50m to the market, having decided not to operate in bills during the day. It then swung up to 9 per cent and closing at around 8 per cent.

Dollar rates remained firm on the tighter monetary policy, although the short end softened on the Fed's declaration of support for any bank in trouble.

PYKE (HOLDINGS): Six months to March 31, 1984. Interim divided 2p (1.5p). Figures in £000. Turnover 15.855 (8.540). Pretax profit 505 (277). Tax 246 (29). Earning per share 6.7p (10.2p. Shares unchanged at 218p.

● **CAPITAL AND COUNTIES:** Year to March 25, 1984. (Comparisons restated). Final 3.3p making 4.7p (4.2p, payable on July 30. Figures in £000. Operational income 15,066 (12.611) being property investment 1.0360 (9.601). Property trading 991 (1.604). Housebuilding 3.715 (1.406).

● **FKI ELECTRICALS:** Final 0.225 making 0.425p (0.2p). Proposed 1 for 10 capitalization. Turnover year to March 31, 1984. Figures in £000 – 10.699 (7.051). Gross profit 3.615 (2.260). Other optional expenses 1.468 (782). Optional profit 2.147 (1.478). Interest received 117 (26). Pretax profit 2.064 (1.504).

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

† Mortgage Base Rate

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%, £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%, £50,000 and over 7¼%.

TEMPUS

Allied's mixed double confuses the City

Allied-Lyons produced figures at the very top end of the range of City hopes yesterday, and immediately sparked off a ratings discussion of medieval complexity. The shares edged up 4p on the figures, about all that is quantifiable in the hiatus about the group's current standing.

Brewing analysts latched on to the 11.5 per cent jump in brewing profits, pointing out that this lagged both the Whitbread and Bass gains. A sales improvement of just 3 per cent, compared with an overall sector advance of perhaps 7 per cent, implies some loss of market share. Is Allied, therefore, the necessary counterpart to Bass's sharp improvement in volume sales?

Certainly, Allied lager sales fell far short of the 40 per cent-plus contribution to Whitbread/Bass's beer sales, while the current rush to phase in Castlemaine Toohey tallies, on one reading, with Allied's reputation for being a trifle cavalier about product development.

Ergo, Allied was right, some six years ago to push ahead with the Lyons' deal, in the face of City disapproval, despite rating second place in the UK brewing league. In pure trading terms, the food side is catching up fast with the rest of the group. *Last year's 35 per cent* rise in food division profits to £50m stems from growth right across the board, according to the company.

But ironically, this spurt may have led to a downgrading of Allied's paper. Assuming 1984/85 profits of some £220m, then the shares rate a target p/e of less than 8, significantly below either the Whitbread of Bass multiple. In other words, Allied is now treated more like a food company than a brewer.

The City may have miscalculated. Allied makes the point very strongly that it has *not* lost brewing market share: the UK sales gain, at 6 per cent, is well up to the sector average. New lagers are selling very well. Within the general strategy, Allied is keen to make acquisitions and, perhaps more to the point, net borrowing last year edged ahead by only £16m to £400m. Allied says there will be no rights issue.

This should remove a potent uncertainty from the share price action, leaving the rating in theory free to float up to a better level. The shares look cheap up to 190p.

Courtaulds

The recovery at Courtaulds continues apace. Yesterday's results which showed pretax profits had almost doubled were just reward for the painstaking efforts the management have made in the last few years. The question is can the improvement be maintained?

The rate of growth achieved in the past cannot continue and the impressive figures for the last twelve months owe a lot to a general improvement in the British textiles industry. While sterling remains weak against the dollar it would be difficult for Courtaulds not to do well.

The company still suffers from an acute identity crisis and the hotch potch of activities cry out for some form of rationalization and restructuring. The problem is to decide which activities should go and is made more difficult because most of them are now returning adequate profits. While performances remain strong, it is hard to justify disposal.

Courtaulds' balance sheet is now much healthier after the £69m rights issue, and with borrowings reduced by more than £100m to just £23m the financing is more conducive to growth.

Where the growth will come from is more difficult to assess. Fibres had an excellent year and with exports to state-controlled countries such as Russia increasing they could provide the essential and solid basis for improvement.

The share price slipped back 5p to 132p yesterday, perhaps reflecting the uncertainty over where Courtaulds goes next. The direction should be up but how far is still unclear.

Inchcape

For Inchacape, 1983 was not a year when it fulfilled its Eastern promise. The problem was less underperformance than unmitigated disaster. The problems came in three areas: Thailand, Hongkong and Malaysia and combined to wreak havoc in the profit and loss account and balance sheet.

The biggest source of concern was the motor business in Thailand, which now lies in tatters. It has cost Inchacape about £30m just to get the business in a position where it can be sold for a nominal amount.

The problems in Thailand arose mainly from tractors. The market was competitive, and in a bid to boost sales the local management offered customers over-generous credit facilities. Forecasts of demand were wildly off-beam which led to massive overstocking and when the price of tractors doubled it became apparent that local farmers could not meet the hire puchase payments on the vehicles. Under the tems of the agreement with the hire purchase company which arranged the finance, any bad debts had to be picked up by Inchcape.

By the time central management became aware of the problem, the damage had been done and, despite a change in local management, it became apparent that the only course of action was to sell the operations. Negotiations for the sale are in progress and Inchcape is desperate for a successful conclusion, otherwise it will be left with a costly millstone around its neck.

In Hongkong the problem came from the slump in property prices. Inchcape has been obliged to wipe £43m off the value of its roperty portfolio, making a substantial dent in reserves. Hongkong properties are now worth less than £60m. Commercial activities, however, remained buoyant. Add to this the losses incurred on the commerical and heavy vehicle interests in Malaysia and the picture looks pretty miserable.

The new management team which is beginning to take shape at Inchcape still has a lot of hard work to do if it is to make any progress. Although new growth areas have been identified, it is still heavilly dependent on its general merchanting and motor businesses. Yesterday the price dipped 8p to 343p. There is still some way to go before the price matches the net assets of 440p per share. Perhaps the best chance of a short-term improvement would be the arrival of the much rumoured of a takeover bid.

'Master' company for Ashcroft

By William Kay
City Editor

Mr Michael Ashcroft, the entrepreneur who runs Hawley Group in Britain, launched what will be his "master" investment company yesterday. Many of his British interests, apart from Hawley, are to be pumped into Midepsa, a company listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange.

After the reorganization, Hawley will hold between 32 and 63 per cent of Midepsa, depending on how many other investors take Midepsa shares. British Car Auction, the quoted vehicle of Mr David Wickins, will have between 24.8 and 31.4 per cent.

The central deal is a bid by Midpsa for Coleman Milne, a motor group listed on the USM. Midepsa will also acquire 40 per cent of Cope Allman, 7.56 per cent in I. D. and S Rivlin, 19.45 per cent of Pineapple Dance Studios and 26.94 per cent of Miss World Group, along with £2.62m of shares in other UK and US quoted companies.

Midepsa is offering five new convertible or five new common shares for every eight Coleman shares, or 60p cash per Coleman share. The cash offers values Coleman at £9.6m.

British Car Auction is to sell its 13.41 per cent stake in Cope Allman to Midepsa for £4.67m, or 88.25p a share cash, taking the combined stake of Midepsa and Hawley over 30 per cent, so under the Takeover Code Midepsa will make a full offer at 88.25p.

But as the market price of Cope Allman is 96p, the offer is not intended to achieve majority control.

Aitken lifts profits 72%

Aitken Hume, the banking and investment management group, yesterday reported pretax profits up 72 per cent for the year ending last March.

But the shares eased 4p to 158p. Atken is paying a 4p final dividend on the enlarged capital making a 6p total for the year, as forecast at the time of the disappointing shareholder response to a £16m rights issue last December. Fifty-nine per cent of the rights issue was left with the underwriters.

This year's pretax profits rose from £2.27m to £3.8m on a turnover which was more than doubled to £20.4m. The figures include 24 days' profits from National Securities and Research Corporation of New York.

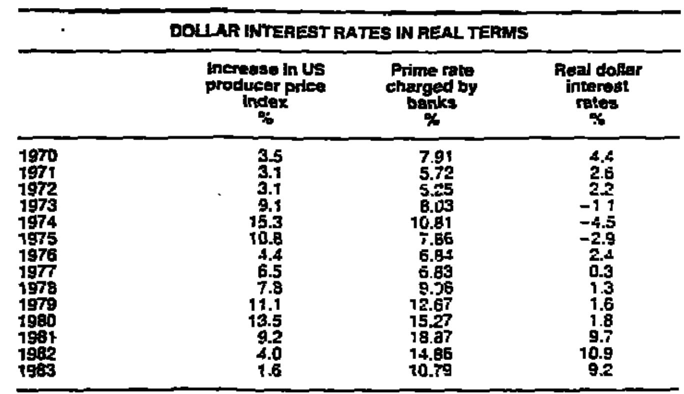
Economic commentary by Tim Congdon

Easing Latin America's debt

"The business of a money-lender has nowhere nor at any time been a popular one. Those who have the resolution to sacrifice the present to the future, are natural objects of envy to those who have sacrificed the future to the present. The children who have eaten their cake are the natural enemies of the children who have theirs."

The quotation is from Jeremy Bentham's *In Defence of Usury* published almost 200 years ago in 1787. To New York bankers and Latin American presidents it remains highly relevant today. New York bankers know they are unpopular and Latin American presidents know that their citizens have eaten too much cake.

Their problem is that neither can be sure that those who have sacrificed the future to the present will repay those who have sacrificed the the present to the future. The five largest Latin American debtor nations owe $225 billion (£164 billion), to Western banks and are unable, in any meaningful sense, to pay interest on this sum, let alone return part of the principal. But the loans are not being written off. Instead the banks are adding interest charges to the amount that must eventually be repaid.



DOLLAR INTEREST RATES IN REAL TERMS

	Increase in US producer price index %	Prime rate charged by banks %	Real dollar interest rates %
1970	3.5	7.91	4.4
1971	3.1	5.72	2.6
1972	3.1	5.25	2.2
1973	9.1	8.03	−1.1
1974	15.3	10.81	−4.5
1975	10.8	7.86	−2.9
1976	4.4	6.84	2.4
1977	6.5	6.83	0.3
1978	7.8	9.06	1.3
1979	11.1	12.67	1.6
1980	13.5	15.27	1.8
1981	9.2	18.87	9.7
1982	4.0	14.86	10.9
1983	1.6	10.79	9.2

Increase in producer price index is year-to-year; prime rate is average for year.
Source: *Economic Report of the President 1984*

On present trends the Latin Americans are in an untenable position. In the 1970s they paid low or negative real interest rates on their loans. They have recently been paying much more. The gap between prime rates and producer price inflation has averaged about 10 per cent in the past three years.

But this understates the cost since Latin American sovereign borrowers pay a margin, which has varied between ½ and 2 per cent, over prime. More fundamentally, since 1981 the dollar has been rising against other currencies and the dollar price of several commodity exports has been falling. Over that period the true interest rate, in real terms, for Latin American debtor nations has probably been 15 to 25 per cent.

Even Bentham might agree that usury at these rates is excessive. The Latin Americans are now saying that enough is enough. Over the weekend of May 19 and 20 ministers from Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia prepared a statement protesting against the rise in prime rates from 11 to 12½ per cent.

If the Latin Americans do not pay, the New York bankers are in a predicament. Their loans to these nations exceed their capital reserves. There is a danger that a debt moratorium would leave the banks either with much reduced capital/asset ratios or technically insolvent. They would then have to suspend credit business in the United States and other Western nations, with potentially catastrophic consequences for economic activity.

What can be done? Solutions, or suggested solutions, can be divided into two categories. The first, which might be termed high-level institutional patch-ups, are diverse. They are likely to be discussed in great detail and in many places before the London summit of leading industrial nations. Apart from one approach which has already been adopted, they are nearly all useless. The second type of solution is macroeconomic. It can make a genuine contribution, but only at the cost of abandoning other policy goals.

The most mentioned institutional patch-up is rate-capping. The idea is that a maximum interest rate be agreed for debtor nations which would apply whatever happened to domestic interest rates within the United States. Alternatively, a two-tier interest rate structure could be established, with debtor nations paying less for their loans than other borrowers.

The main drawback to rate-capping is that it undermines bank profitability. Banks have to pay the going rate for dollar deposits and they expect to earn a margin above this on loans.

Equally difficult is the question of which countries should qualify. Improvident and unreliable debtors are those most in need of assistance. But if they gain from rate-capping to the exclusion of other debtors, there will be an outcry from nations which have behaved sensibly and intend to honour their commitments to the letter.

A quite different proposal has been advanced by economists on the Shadow Open Market Committee, an American group known for its monetarist, free-enterprise leanings. They want the banks to end the charade that the Latin American loans are worth the figures which appear in balance sheets. In their view, the loans should be re-packaged and sold as negotiable instruments, thus arriving at a proper market value.

But this would achieve nothing except the acceleration of the most damaging possible long-term outcome, a world-wide collapse in economic activity because of bank insolvency. If banks are obliged to sell their Latin American loans, market value might be half book value. As the loans are twice or more the capital of nearly all leading American money centre banks, they would immediately become insolvent.

They would therefore have to stop extending credit in the United States, although their domestic operations are – for the most part – profitable, soundly based and trouble-free. The cessation of credit expansion would also mean an end to money supply growth, signalling at best a far more severe recession than necessary and at worst a crash of 1930s' dimensions. So the forced marketing of loan portfolios would be foolish. It would improve the visibility of the problems, but otherwise has almost nothing to be said in its favour.

Unlike rate-capping and loan marketing, the most sensible form of institutional patch-up has already been put into effect. The thinking behind it has two strands and is quite simple. It is agreed that the aim of policy is to insulate economic activity in the industrial nations from the ramifications of the debt crisis; and it is also agreed that, in a market economy, companies and individuals must suffer the consequences of their own actions.

So the need is to devise a solution which leaves the domestic element in international banks' operations unaffected, but exacts the appropriate penalty for the Latin American follies. Since inadequate bank capital is at the heart of the trouble and cannot at present be obtained from private sources in sufficient quantity, Western governments must be willing to grant credit lines, perhaps for long periods, to banks in difficulty. These lines are to act as a substitute for capital until reserves have been rebuilt from profitable domestic business, at which stage they can be repaid.

Two conditions for taking advantage of the government (or central bank) credit lines must be that management changes are made in the institutions concerned and that no dividends be distributed to shareholders until the lines are repaid in full. These are not nice things to suggest, but the alternative is to let people responsible for the Latin American shambles escape scot-free. Continental Illinois' problems have been resolved more or less in this way. Other banks, both big and small, will follow in its footsteps.

But government-backed credit lines are not fully satisfactory. They represent a kind of backdoor nationalization of the financial system and are in any case insufficient by themselves. The ultimate cause of the debtors' inability to pay is the extraordinarily high level of real dollar interest rates. This is a macroeconomic problem and sooner or later it will require a macroeconomic solution.

The obvious measures, which will no doubt be urged vigorously on President Reagan at the London summit, are reductions in the American budget deficit and changes in the American tax system to weaken the incentive to borrow. Whether Mr Reagan will do anything of this sort ahead of the November presidential elections seems doubtful. In the short run other expedients will have to be tried.

The crudest response would be for the Federal Reserve to relax monetary policy, reduce interest rates, stoke up inflation and depress the dollar's value on the foreign exchanges. This would all be helpful to the Latin American debtors and a ruinous culmination to Mr Volcker's period as Fed Chairman. A shift in this direction seems inevitable. Inflation is disagreeable, but an insolvent banking system would be intolerable.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **SOUTHWEST RESOURCES:** Year to March 31 1983, (15 months to March 31, 1984) Figures in £000. Turnover 3.632 (2.627). Pretax profit (1.648 (1.004). Tax nil (44). Minorities nil (8). Earnings per share 6p (3.52p adjourned). Current financial year has started well with oil and gas production in the United States growing strongly as recent acquisitions start to contribute and as new dicoveries are brought on-stream.

● **MAURICE JAMES INDUSTRIES:** Final 0.65p making 1.25p (same) for 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover 15.422 (12.004). Operational profits 1.732 (1.372). Pretax profit 1.005 (672) after interest 727 (700). Tax nil (222). Extraordinary debt 990 (384). Earnings for share 5.01p (2.26p). Shares 31p down 1p.

● **J AND J MAKIN/BIBBY:** Acceptances of the J Bibby offer have been received in respect of 1.598.581 new making. (approx) 97.47 per cent of the issued share capital). A total of 1,987,206 ordinary in Bibby will fall to be issued as a result of these acceptances. Bibby is now interested in 1,603.581 new ordinary and deferred shares (aprox 97.77 per cent). The cash offer remains open.

● **JACKSON EXPLORATION:** Figure for the first quarter of 1984 show pretax loss of $786,112 (644,385 loss). The company has sold 25 per cent of its Adang block in Indonesia to two South Korean companies, including the Korean Petroleum corporation which is owned by the South Korean Government. Negotiations are continuing with other potential partners with a view of drilling a two or three well programme on the block starting in second half of this year. Shares were 71 down 2 p

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Insurance Bonds and Funds

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FT STOCK INDICES	
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	78.20 (78.15)
FIXED INTEREST	82.62 (82.56)
INDUSTRIAL ORDINARY	826.2 (728.9)
GOLD MINES	680.5 (662.5)
ORDINARY DIVIDEND YIELD	4.72% (4.71%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	10.90 (10.99)
P.E. RATIO (NIL)	10.42 (10.48)

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, May 14. Dealings End, June 1. § Contango Day, June 4. Settlement Day, June 11

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9-9¼%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9 Low 5

Week Fixed: 7

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9³⁄₁₆	2 months	9¹⁄₁₆
3 months	9⅛	3 months	8⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆	1 month	9⁵⁄₁₆
2 months	9⅛₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	2 months	9¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₃₂	3 months	10³⁄₁₆
6 months	9⅞-9¹¹⁄₁₆	6 months	10½

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9⅛-8⅞	7 months	10½-10⅛
2 months	9⅞-9½	8 months	10½-10⅛
3 months	10⅛-9⅞	9 months	10⅞-10½
4 months	10½-10⅛	10 months	10⅞-10½
5 months	10½-10⅛	11 months	10⅞-10½
6 months	10½-10⅛	12 months	10⅞-10½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	8⅝-8½	6 months	10⅛-10
3 months	9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆	12 months	10⅝-10⅛

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	7⅛	3 months	9⅝
7 days	8⅛	6 months	10⅛
1 month	9⅛	1 year	10½

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 6¼ Close 8

1 week	7½-7¼	6 months	10⁵⁄₁₆
1 month	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆	9 months	10½-10⅛
3 months	9⅝-9⅜	12 months	10¹¹⁄₁₆-10⁹⁄₁₆

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 9⅝ 6 months 10³⁄₁₆

Finance House Base Rate 9¾%

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	May 29 (day's range)	May 29 (close)	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.3800-1.3875	$1.3855-1.3865	0.24-0.25c disc	0.74-0.77c disc
Montreal	$1.7860-1.7960	$1.7940-1.7950	0.26-0.31c disc	0.85-0.93c disc
Amsterdam	4.2550-4.2850fl	4.2675-4.2775fl	1⅛-1c prem	4⅛-3⅝c prem
Brussels	77.05-77.40f	77.20-77.30f	15-22c disc	43-51c disc
Copenhagen	13.86-13.91k	13.88-13.89k	1¼-2ore disc	3⅝-4¼ore disc
Frankfurt	3.7750-3.8000m	3.7825-3.7925m	1¼-1pfg prem	3⅝-3⅜pfg prem
Lisbon	192.75-194.25e	193.50-194.00e	115-255esc disc	335-770esc disc
Madrid	212.25-213.00p	212.85-213.05p	78-105pst disc	290-335pst disc
Milan	2334-2344lr	2336-2338lr	10¼-10¾lr disc	33½-36¾lr disc
Oslo	10.77-10.81k	10.79-10.80k	3⅝-4¼ore disc	7⅞-9ore disc
Paris	11.6250-11.6650f	11.65-11.66f	3-3⅞c disc	11-12⅝c disc
Stockholm	11.1550-11.2050k	11.1950-11.2050k	1½-2½ore disc	3¾-5ore disc
Tokyo	320-322y	320.75-321.75y	¾-1⅛y prem	2⅝-2⅜y prem
Vienna	26.53-26.70sch	26.63-26.68sch	5-4¼gro prem	20¼-17gro prem
Zurich	3.1150-3.1400f	3.1250-3.1350f	1½-1¼c prem	4½-4¼c prem
Dublin	1.2315-1.2360p	1.2315-1.2325p	23-31p disc	66-83p disc

Effective exchange rate compared with 1975 was up 0.2 at 79.6.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1180-1.1190
Singapore	2.1060-2.1075
Malaysia	2.3130-2.3145
Australia	0.8990-0.8995
Canada	1.2946-1.2951
Sweden	8.0750-8.0850
Norway	7.7900-7.7950
Denmark	10.0300-10.0350
West Germany	2.7305-2.7320
Switzerland	2.2575-2.2585
Netherlands	3.0800-3.0820
France	8.4125-8.4175
Japan	231.60-231.75
Italy	1686-1688
Belgium (Comm)	55.71-55.76
Hong Kong	7.8120-7.8140
Portugal	139.25-140.20
Spain	153.70-153.80
Austria	19.2250-19.2350

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.5425-1.5446
Bahrein	0.5190-0.5230
Finland	8.0250-8.0650
Greece	148.55-150.55
Hongkong	10.8230-10.8350
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4070-0.4110
Malaysia	3.2046-3.2091
Mexico	270-295
New Zealand	2.1387-2.1447
Saudi Arabia	4.8480-4.8880
Singapore	2.9178-2.9221
South Africa	1.7829-1.7859

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 10⅛-9⅞; seven days, 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆; one month, 10⅞-10¾; three months, 11⅜-11¼; six months, 12½-12¼.

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

COMMODITIES

CRICKET: ESSEX LOSE GROUND ON LEADERS IN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Willey century sends his former county to defeat

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (20 pts) beat Northamptonshire (3) by four wickets.

Despite the loss of all the second day and a good deal of the first, Liecestershire and Northamptonshire contrived a splendid finish yesterday. After Northamptonshire had declared twice and Leicestershire had forfeited their first innings, Leicestershire were left to make 332 to win in the afternoon and evening. They got them off the last ball, and in doing so lengthened their championship lead.

The match was won for Leicestershire by Gower, Willey and Whitaker, with useful help from here and there. Gower first put his side in touch with the clock; Willey had the satisfaction of scoring a century against his former employers, who refused him the contract he sought; and young Whitaker batted with a fine confidence over the final 20 overs.

Larkins, captaining Northamptonshire in Cook's absence, also played his part by keeping the game open, and Parsons got as big a cheer as anyone by driving the last ball, from Hanley, for four when one would have done.

New faces gave added interest to the day. They were there partly because of injuries to established players (Cook, Boyd-Moss, Sharp and Mallender of Northamptonshire; Clift, and Ferris of Leicestershire) partly because of redundancy (Tolchard, now coaching at Malvern) and partly re-location (Davison with Tasmania and John Steele with Glamorgan).

Ripley, therefore, a Yorkshireman aged 17, was making his first class debut as Northamptonshire's wicketkeeper. Walker, a striking miner when the season started, was having his medium-pace assaulted by Gower. Two Uppinghamanians, Agnew and Whitaker, were in the Leicestershire side who might otherwise not have been. In four innings this season, Whitaker has scored 290 runs with a disarmingly basic method.

At a quick glance there are something like 50 current first-class cricketers from the public schools. Uppingham's last two coaches, L. G. Berry and Maurice Hallam, both opened Leicestershire's innings. It is a link which both sides value. Agnew has already taken seven more wickets this season than in the whole of last.

When, yesterday, he knocked out Hanley's middle stump, that was his thirtieth. Some slogs by Hanley, two or three sumptuous cover drives by Larkins, and a busy little 38 by Bamber, another on a fairly rare outing, was the extent of the morning's batting.

For fear of leaving Leicestershire too stiff a target and so reneging on his side of the bargain, Larkins declared a second tie five minutes before lunch. There were 76 overs left – more in the unlikely event of Northamptonshire exceeding 18 to the hour – which asked of Leicestershire an overall scoring rate of 4.4 runs an over.

Ater 44 minutes they were 32 for two, with Gower reconnoitering. Except that he was out to a rather tired stroke – he skied Williams to deep mid-off – England's new captain looked to be suffering no ill effects from his poisoning. He was evidently quite dangerously ill.

By the time Gower was out yesterday, he was playing effortlessly well. His 71 took 110 minutes. Willey, finding it all much harder work, had now to take over.

But he managed it, and when Briars was out Willey and Whitaker added 84 in 15 overs.

With 20 overs and six wickets left Leicestershire needed 135. With 10 to go, and Willey and Whitaker still together, they wanted 65. Right to the end it was a thrillingly even race. The only pity was that the holiday-makers were back at the grindstone.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings

M J Bamber, b Briers	28
*W Larkins, c Garnham, b Agnew	22
R G Williams, c Whitaker, b Briers	45
A J Lamb, c Garnham, b Parsons	65
R J Bailey, c Garnham, b Agnew	3
D J Wild, c Whitaker, b Agnew	39
D S Steele, c Butcher, b Cook	1
†D Ripley, b Cook	20
A Walker, not out	7
R W Hanley, b Agnew	24
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 6)	10
Total (9 wkts dec, 80.5 overs)	264

B J Griffiths did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–36, 2–89, 3–108, 4–153, 5–188, 6–187, 7–213, 8–238, 9–264.

BOWLING: Agnew, 28.5–8–84–4; Taylor, 9–1–34–0; Cook, 22–7–70–2; Parsons, 16–2–46–1; Briers, 5–1–20–2; Willey, 2–2–0–0.

Seconds Innings

M J Bamber, not out	38
*W Larkins, c Garnham, b Parsons	19
R G Williams, c Balderstone, b Taylor	8
Extras (l-b 1, w 1)	2
Total (2 wkts dec)	67

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–38, 2–67.

BOWLING: Parsons, 9–1–29–1; Taylor, 9–1–36–1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings forfeited

Second innings

I P Butcher c Lamb b Griffiths	1
J C Balderstone b Griffiths	21
*D I Gower c Hanley b Williams	74
P Willey c Williams b Hanley	104
N E Briers st Ripley b Steele	18
J J Whitaker not out	68
†M A Garnham b Steele	24
G J Parsons not out	11
Extras (b 3, l-b 3, n-b 8)	14
Total (6 wkts)	335

J P Agnew, N G B Cook and L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–7, 2–32, 3–125, 4–189, 5–273, 6–308.

BOWLING: Hanley 13-2-65-1; Griffiths 9-4-22-2; Walker 5-1-35-0; Williams 24-4-88-1; Steele 25-3-113-2.

Umpires: W E Alley and H D Bird.

Today's cricket

County Championship (11.0)
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Somerset
DARTFORD: Kent v Middlesex
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgan
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Essex
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Sussex
OTHER MATCH: The Parks: Oxford University v Gloucestershire

Second XI Championship
BURTON-ON-TRENT: Derbyshire v Leicestershire
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Lancashire
TEDDINGTON: Middlesex v Kent
COLLINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Worcestershire
BANSTEAD: Surrey v Hampshire

Minor Counties Championship
CARLISLE: Cumberland v Hertfordshire

Miller is recalled by England

Miller: tonic.

Geoff Miller rose from his sick bed yesterday to learn that he had been recalled to the England squad for the one-day international against the West Indies which start at Old Trafford on Thursday. The Derbyshire off-spinner has replaced Vic Marks, who has pulled out with a hip injury.

"I feel a bit weak at the moment but I will definitely be OK for Thursday", he said. "The phone call from Mr Carr came as a complete surprise."

Miller, who has not played for England for 15 months, already has 20 first-class wickets this season and he recently scored his maiden first-class century – 130 against Lancashire – after 11 years of trying.

Declaration exposes Gloucestershire

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Somerset (19 pts) beat Gloucestershire (6) by 130 runs.

It obviously had to be a match of declarations, with so much time lost, and the sunshine gave the captains an opportunity. Overnight, Somerset had declared at 150, and Gloucester has scored 18 for no wicket. Gloucestershire, after an early collapse, duly declared at 109, leaving it to Somerset to set them a target.

The pitch never played easily and became livelier under the sun. Sainsbury and Shepherd both took some playing on it.

Somerset were 61 for four, 91 for six, and it was only because of a seventh-wicket stand between Lloyds and Marks that they were able to declare at 155, giving Gloucestershire 203 to win, in 45 overs – five of them, because of cunning timing, before tea, which gave their fast bowlers two bites at the cherry, as it were.

They took two wickets before tea. Stovold hit his first ball for four, but was caught at slip off Davies, who bowled fast and well, left-handed, reminding me of an improved version of my old friend J J Davey, and did damage in both innings.

Athey was caught in the gully off Dredge, the old demon of Frome, who was obviously enjoying himself in the opening spell, which has not so often come his way, over the years. With a third seamer's duties to be done, the bowler's lot is not so often a happy one.

It had not been an ungenerous declaration, given that Zaheer is a batsman capable of dominating any match under any conditions. He did play some splendid strokes, which made Somerset's heart momentarily quaver, but at 29 he lost Romaines, his likliest support, and soon afterwards was caught at slip himself, off Davis.

Quickly Davis bowled Bainbridge, Dredge, and had Shepherd caught at short leg. Gloucestershire, far from chasing a total, were suddenly 41 for six.

Graveney and Wright settled for a time to a stout defence, but Botham came on and took the last four wickets.

SOMERSET: First innings 150 for 7dec.

Second Innings

P M Roebuck l-b-w b Shepherd	3
J G Wyatt c Graveney b Sainsbury	31
R L Ollis c Russell b Shepherd	19
M D Crowe b Shepherd	5
*I T Botham c Stovold b Sainsbury	20
B C Rose c Athey b Sainsbury	10
J W Lloyds not out	42
V J Marks not out	19
Extras (l-b 4, w 1)	6
Total (6 wkts dec)	155

C H Dredge, †T Gard and M R Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–16, 2–55, 3–61, 4–61, 5–86, 6–91.

BOWLING: Lawrence 5–0–20–0; Shepherd 16–3–51–3; Sainsbury 16–5–52–3; Bainbridge 4–1–26–0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings

A W Stovold c Gard b Davis	12
P W Romaines c Lloyds b Dredge	13
C W J Athey c Ollis b Dredge	1
Zaheer Abbas c Ollis b Davis	0
P Bainbridge b Dredge	9
A J Wright b Dredge	10
*D A Graveney not out	14
J N Shepherd not out	40
Extras (l-b 4)	4
Total (6 wkts dec, 21.5 overs)	103

†R C Russell, G E Sainsbury and D V Lawrence did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–26, 2–29, 3–30, 4–32, 5–49, 6–55.

BOWLING: Botham 2.5–0–28–0; Davis 10–0–47–3; Dredge 9–3–29–3.

Second Innings

A W Stovold c Gard b Davis	4
P W Romaines c Lloyd b Davis	5
C W J Athey c Ollis b Dredge	6
Zaheer Abbas c Ollis b Davis	23
P Bainbridge b Davis	2
J N Shephard c Crowe b Dredge	0
A J Wright c sub b Botham	6
*D A Graveney c Gard b Botham	14
†R C Russell b Botham	4
D V Lawrence not out	6
G E Sainsbury c Wyatt b Botham	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 1)	2
Total	72

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–4, 2–11, 3–29, 4–40, 5–41, 6–41, 7–58, 8–65, 9–72, 10–72.

BOWLING: Davis 12–3–25–4; Dredge 11–2–29–2; Crowe 3–2–1–0; Botham 7.5–2–14–4; Lloyds 5–4–1–0.

Umpires: D J Constant and D R Shephard.

Eton collapse in desperate chase for runs

By George Chesterton

Agar's Plough was very wet after rain similar to that which had curtailed the PGA golf championship. None the less it still did credit to Bill Bowles, who has been head groundsman at Eton for all but 50 years. Mr Bowles retires this year. Nearly 60 net wickets and 20 squares come under his supervision at Eton but his interests go much further afield in the form of guidance and advice, not to mention the fact that he was a founder of the National Association of Groundsmen.

Charterhouse were put in to bat. Runs were not easy to come by and when lunch was taken on 76 for one the boundary had only been reached three times. Later Thorne, playing his first innings for Charterhouse, accelerated before he was out for 54, totally mistiming a pull from a short lifting ball.

Dudhia, the captain did not look in touch but played some effective cuts before being brilliantly caught by Greenwood at cover at the second attempt. Kingston, a left hander, lofted the ball, sometimes skilfully, sometimes fortuitously, in making a baluable 31. For Eton, Hardman, who came on second change, bowled a steady line and length and deserved his two wickets.

Charterhouse declared on 177 for five leaving Eton about two hours and a half to make the runs. In e 50 minutes batting before tea only 18 had been scored for the loss of one wicket, both opening bowlers being difficult to get away.

After tea Eton did their best to increase the rate of scoring but disaster struck. They slumped from 52 for three to 65 all out in the penultimate over. Kingston, bowling slow left arm, took five for 25, tempting Eton into a variety of indiscretions. He was well supported by Whitmore.

SCORES: Charterhouse 177 for 5 dec (B Thorne 54, M Z Dudhia 46); Eton 65 (N Kingston 5 for 25).

Derbyshire nearly profit from bold declaration

By Peter Ball

DERBY: Derbyshire (2pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (4).

A fine sustained spell of bowling by Geoff Miller, who took three for 41 in 26 overs of tight, varied off-spin was not quite enough to bring Derbyshire a merited victory yesterday.

Derbyshire, however, can take considerable satisfaction from their efforts to breath life into an otherwise dead game.

At the time, Barnett's declaration, asking Notts to score 254 in a minimum of 57 overs, seemed a generous one in spite of the early loss of Broad but the introduction of Miller, who was overcoming the lingering after effects of influenza, put a different complextion on things. Randall in particular lived dangerously against his England colleague.

But if the wickets did not come, the effect on the scoring rate was marked. Notts added only 28 runs in the next 11 overs to go into tea somewhat behind the clock at 58 for one.

After the break they showed signs of making up lost ground, but the return of Newman started the collapse as Randall edged to slip. Miller then gained the wicket his bowling deserved and a valuable one it was, as he removed the dangerous Rice before he could get established.

Robinson was still a stumbling block, but after reaching his 50 he succumbed to Newman, a mis-hit pull being well held by Barnett running round and backwards at mid-wicket. The light by this time was not good, but Barnett, whose captaincy was commendable throughout, forestalled any threat of curtailment by bringing back Moir.

The decision to keep Notts' interest alive with spin at both ends paid immediate dividends. Hassan fell sweeping in the last over before the final 20, looking askance at an l-b-w decision, and then Moir chipped in by removing Birch.

The fall of six wickets for 45 ended any theoretical interest Notts still had in winning. But although French became Miller's third victim, and Hemmings retired with contact lens trouble, Hadlee, showing unusual restraint, and Saxelby ensured that they saved it.

DERBYSHIRE: First innings 294 for 9 dec 9 dec (J G Wright 86, K J Barnett 63; C E B Rice 4 for 61)

Second Innings

†R W Taylor c French b Saxelby	0
D G Moir lbw b Rice	31
I S Anderson c French b Hemmings	14
*K J Barnett c Birch b Saxelby	50
A Hill not out	48
Extras (l-b 2, w 1)	3
Total (4 wkts dec)	177

J H Hampshire, G Miller, R J Finney, B Roberts and P G Newman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–44, 3–46, 4–120.

BOWLING: Hadlee 6-5-3-0; Saxelby 11-5-22-2; Rice 6-1-20-1; Hemmings 18.2-1-73-1; Broad 7-1-35-0; Birch 3-0-20-0

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 218 for 2 dec (C E B Rice 77 not out, D W Randall 55 not out)

Second Innings

B C Broad l-b-w b Newman	9
T T Robinson c Barnett b Newman	54
D W Randall c Miller b Newman	31
*C E B Rice b Miller	3
J D Birch c Taylor b Moir	25
B Hassan l-b-w b Miller	3
†B N French b Miller	0
R J Hadlee not out	10
E E Hemmings retired ill	0
K Saxelby not out	22
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, w 1, n-b 2)	8
Total (7 wkts)	165

M Hendrick did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–18, 2–93, 3–96, 4–110, 5–124, 6–134, 7–138.

BOWLING: Finney 6-0-14-0; Newman 9-0-34-3; Miller 26-11-41-3; Moir 18-3-53-1; Anderson 1-0-2-0; Barnett 1-0-14-0.

Umpires: P J Eele and M J Kitchen

Greenidge: innings became an exhibition

Fowler fluent in his reply to Greenidge

By Richard Streeton

LIVERPOOL: West Indians beat Lancashire by 56 runs.

Graeme Fowler had the best possible preparation for tomorrow's Texaco Trophy match when he batted with impressive fluency for Lancashire against the West Indians in a 55-over match, yesterday, at Aigburth. Lancashire found a target of 298 beyond them, but their challenge did not start to subside until Fowler was fourth out.

By then Fowler had hit 94 out of 138 and though Garner and Holding were not playing, it was an innings full of character and marked by cover drives and hooks made with relish. He survived one chance at 71 from a lofted hook against Small. After Fowler's exit, some lusty blows from Simmons and Maynard kept the score moving, but 76 was still wanted from the last five overs and it was too much.

Greenidge, captain for the day, contributed most of the runs and all the panache to the West Indian batting. Not for the first time, he revelled in the limited-overs atmosphere and playing his shots with enormous power, looked impossible to bowl against. A few years ago Greenidge held the individual scoring record in all three domestic one-day events; now he seemed fit to score the first double hundred in English one-day cricket, but in the closing overs he failed to secure enough of the bowling.

Fierce drives and pulls brought Greenidge the majority of his first hundred runs, which came in 35 overs. After that, his innings became more and more of an exhibition, though at no time did he look like getting out. Greenidge played numerous reverse sweeps and strokes on one knee, and a capacity 8,000 crowd, in scorching sunshire, cheeed every moment of brilliance, even though he was making Lancashire's attrack look innocuous. The exceptions were Allott and Watkinson, who were never consistently punished and restricted the final slog efficiently.

With the one-day international so near, it was disturbing for the touring team that Marshall was no-balled nine times in his first six overs by the umpire, Nigel Plewis. From the start, Fowler looked in command of both his nerve and his stroke, although his brand of batting never leaves the bowler without hope. Ormand and O'Shaughnessy both gave catches to gulley; Hughes was beaten by flight as soon as Harper bowled. Fowler's splendid innings ended in the thirty-fourth over.

Lancashire were unfortunate that Radford retired with a strained side after bowling only two overs. The match, in fact, had an eventful start after the county won the toss and chose to field. Radford had Haynes leg-before in his first over, then Richardson was bowled in Allot's second over. Gomes allowed Greenidge his head as they added 221 in 41 overs, before Gomes fell to a good low return catch by Abrahams. Allot dismissed Logie and Baptiste with successive balls, and Harper was out in the next over. But by then this mini collapse had been made irrelevant by Greenidge, who finished with five sixes and 19 fours.

WEST INDIANS

*C G Greenidge not out	186
D L Haynes l-b-w b Radford	0
R B Richardson b Allott	1
H A Gomes c and b Abrahams	87
A L Logie c Abrahams b Allott	8
E A E Baptiste l-b-w b Allott	0
R A Harper c Abrahams b Watkinson	0
†T R O Payne not out	8
Extras (l-b 6, w 1)	7
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	297

M D Marshall, M A Small and C A Walsh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–2, 2–3, 3–232, 4–271, 5–271, 6–274.

BOWLING: Allot 11-0-43-3; Radford 2-1-2-1; Watkinson 11-0-48-1; O'Shaughnessy 10-0-54-0; Hughes 7-0-46-0; Simmons 9-0-69-0; Abrahams 5-0-28-1

LANCASHIRE

G Fowler c Greenidge b Small	94
J A Ormrod c Harper b Walsh	1
S J O'Shaughnessy c Greenidge b Marshall	4
D P Hughes st Payne b Harper	15
*J Abrahams run out	11
N H Fairbrother run out	1
†C Maynard b Marshall	41
J Simmons not out	47
P J W Allott not out	2
Extras (b 4, l-b 5, w 6, n-b 10)	25
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	241

N V Radford and M Watkinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1–7, 2–24, 3–89, 4–138, 5–140, 6–150, 7–235.

BOWLING: Marshall 9-1-27-2; Walsh 9-0-32-1; Baptiste 11-1-56-0; Small 11-1-48-1, Harper 11-1-30-1; Gomes 4-0-23-0.

Umpires: J A Jameson and N T Plews.

Barclay and Greig help Sussex to reach target

By Marcus Williams

LORD'S: Sussex (12 pts) bt Middlesex by five wickets.

A brave 73 by Barclay and a dashing 37 by Greig carred Sussex to their target of 178 in 52 overs with 11 balls to spare yesterday. Bad weather had reduced it to a one-innings contest with 12 points for the winners.

After the weekend rain the pitch was green, though it had no great pace, the outfield was sluggish and batting never looked easy. The quicker bowlers obtained movement off the seam and, with the sun rearing its welcome head, the Middlesex spinners found some slow turn.

Middlesex were put in and their innings olst its way in the middle after a good opening stand, of which Barlow's cover driving was a feature. Pigott, returning after injury, bowled Slack with a ball of full length in a useful second spell and then Barlow tried to turn Barclay to leg and skied the ball to mid-of.

Gatting found the pitch too slow for his liking and having hit Colin Wells straight for four in the last over before lunch, he was bowled next ball. After a slow start, Tomlins began to open out, once pulling Greig for six, but Middlesex lost four wickets in eight overs, including Tomlins to a diving catch by Gould for the top score of 44. Thanks to sensible batting by Downton 40 runs were added off the last seven overs.

The Sussex innings started at a great rate, Mendis plundering 11 off as many balls before he drove at Daniel and was caught at first slip. The runs slowed to a trickle as Daniel and the newly capped Cowans tried to pound some life out of the pitch, but it was the spinners who struck next. Green bowled by Edmonds just before tea and Parker treading on his wicket against Emburey to leave Sussex struggling at 33 for three in the sixteenth over.

Barclay and Colin Wells put on 59 to tilt the balance before Wells chased Gatting's wide first ball and was caught behind with 85 needed off 20 overs. A long throw from Hughes ran out Alan Wells and with 10 overs left Sussex wanted 53.


Barclay: brave 73

MIDDLESEX

G D Barlow c Reeve b Barclay	27
W N Slack b Pigott	19
*M W Gatting b C M Wells	23
K P Tomlins c Gould b C M Wells	44
C T Radley l-b-w b C M Wells	8
J E Emburey b Greig	3
P H Edmonds l-b-w b Reeve	3
†P R Downton not out	25
S P Hughes c Le Roux b Reeve	5
N G Cowans c C M Wells b le Roux	2
W W Daniel not out	5
Extras (b1, l-b 11, n-b 1)	13
Total (9 wkts dec)	177

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–46, 2–54, 3–77, 4–104, 5–119, 6–125, 7–137, 8–160, 9–168

BOWLING: le Roux 7-1-23-1, Pigott 11-2-24-1, Greig 11-1-31-1; Barclay 4-0-14-1; Reeve 11-4-35-2; C M Wells 11-1-37-3.

SUSSEX

G D Mendis c Emburey b Daniel	11
A M Green b Edmonds	4
*J R T Barclay not out	73
P W Parker hit wkt b Emburey	4
C M Wells c Downton b Gatting	27
I A Greig not out	37
Extras (l-b 8, n-b5)	13
Total (5 wkts)	178

†I J Gould, G S le Roux, D A Reeve and A C S Pigott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–11, 2–22, 3–33, 4–92, 5–111.

BOWLING. Cowans 10-3-29-0; Daniel 9-1-28-1; Edmonds 11.1-1-28-1; Emburey 10-1-29-1; Hughes 5-0-31-0; Gatting 5-1-20-1.

Bonus points:

Umpires: J H Harris and R A White.

Fletcher's unhappy day in the field

CHELMSFORD: Essex (0pts) drew with Surrey (0)

For the second time in a year the Essex captain Keith Fletcher strongly criticized his opponents' tactics after Surrey had batted all day on the notoriously benign Chelmsford wicket.

After the opening two days of the game had been rained off, the match became a single innings contest with 12 points at stake for the winners. But after losing the toss and being put in Surrey made no attempt to set Essex a target.

"I couldn't understand their tactics at all," Fletcher said. "In fact, they were a disgrace. Following the loss of the first two days, both sides had a duty to try and provide some entertainment for the crowd. They must have felt cheated by what happened, and I can hardly blame them."

Surrey's decision to carry on regardless was later defended by their captain, Alan Butcher. "It had been my intention to set Essex a target, but when we lost three quick wickets after tea I decided to bat on. There was no way we could have bowled them out."

In June last year Fletcher voiced his criticism of Kent's tactics in a championship match at Tunbridge Wells after his side had been left to score 292 runs for victory in 35 minutes plus 20 overs.

This time, as in that match, Essex's opponents seemed in some measure at least to have deserved Fletcher's disapproval. Surrey spent the two hours before lunch in scoring only 39 for the loss of three wickets.

SURREY

D B Pauline b Pringle	13
G S Clinton c Pringle b Foster	0
R D V Knight b Lever	9
*A R Butcher c Mc Ewan b Foster	79
M A Lynch b Lever	68
A Meedham l-b-w b Pringle	10
†C J Richards c Gooch b Lilley	33
D J Thomas c East b Turner	1
M A Feltham c McEwan b Turner	0
G Monkhouse not out	6
S T Clarke b Lilley	0
Extras (b 5, l-b 5, n-b 4)	14
Total	235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–4, 2–13, 3–27, 4–129, 5–164, 6–197, 7–199, 8–199, 9–235, 10–235.

BOWLING: Lever 20-9-48-2, Foster 15-1-46-2; Pringle 19-7-45-2; Turner 14-4-35-2; Gooch 10-3-23-0; Lilley 5.2-2-11-2; Galdwin 5-1-13-0.

ESSEX: G A Gooch, C Gladwin, *K W R Fletcher, K S McEwan, B R Gardie, D R Pringle, A W Lilley, S Turner, †D E East, N Foster and J K Lever.

Umpires: R Julian and R Palmer.

Underwood revels on wet wicket

CANTERBURY: Kent (17 pts) beat Hampshire (1) by 123 runs.

Derek Underwood, the former England bowler, enjoyed the rarity of operating on a wet wicket and destroyed Hampshire by taking seven for 21 in 11.2 overs.

Hampshire were bowled out for 56 in 26.2 overs as the medium paced Ellison (3 for 9) gave Underwood good support. Hampshire were set 180 to win after Kent had declared at 179 for four. Hampshire then forfeited their first innings and Kent their second.

Tavare (69) and Aslett (68) took their third wicket stand to 133 off 44 overs when Kent batted on after lunch. Hampshire slumped to 32 for 5 as Underwood dismissed their first four batsmen in 15 balls. Introduced to the attack after only four overs, he collected three wickets in his second over.

KENT: First innings

R A Woolmer, c Cowley, b Reifer	17
N R Taylor, c Nocholas, b Reifer	10
*C J Tavaré, c Pocock, b Andrew	69
D G Aslett, c Parks, b Tremlett	68
G W Johnson, not out	6
R M Ellison, not out	1
Extras (l-b 4, w 2, n-b 2)	8
Total (4 wkts dec. 63.2 overs)	179

† A P E Knott, C Penn, D L Underwood, T M Alderman and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–24, 2–32, 3–165, 4–177.

BOWLING: Reifer, 17–4–41–2; Andrew, 18–3–52–1, Tremlett, 20.2–7–43–1; Nicholas, 8–0–35–0.

Second Innings: Forfeited

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings forfeited

Second innings

V P Terry, c Johnson, b Underwood	11
C L Smith, c Alderman, b Underwood	5
M C J Nicholas, c Tavare, b Underwood	0
T E Jesty, c Alderman, b Underwood	0
D R Turner, c Knott, b Ellison	9
*N E J Pocock, l-b-w b Underwood	17
N G Cowley, b Ellison	1
† R J Parks, c Johnson, b Underwood	0
T M Tremlett, l-b-w b Ellison	4
E L Reifer, not out	1
S J W Andrew, c Woolmer, b Underwood	3
Extras (l-b 4, w 1)	5
Total	56

FALL OF WICKETS 1–13, 2–13, 3–13, 4–16, 5–32, 6–40, 7–43, 8–50, 9–52, 10–56.

BOWLING. Jarvis, 2–1–1–0; Alderman, 6–0–20–0; Underwood, 11.2–2–21–7, Ellison, 7–3–9–3

Umpires: B Leadbeater and P B Wight.

Worcestershire hold out to earn draw

EDGBASTION: Warwickshire (5pts) drew with Worcestershire (4).

Paul Smith, the Warwickshire all-rounder, made a bold but vain effort to produce a winning result against Worcestershire at Edgbastion yesterday.

After making a championship-best 81 in 113 minutes before lunch, he returned career-best bowling figures of four for 41 in eight overs.

Worcestershire were never interested in a taget of 293 in 142 minutes, but they could hardly have expected an uncomfortable struggle to reach 127 for five thanks to a match-saving stand of 30 by Neale and Humphries.

Willis did not declare until Warwickshire had reached 264 for four. Amiss hit an unbeaten 84 in 139 minutes.

†G W Humpage c Patel b Inchmore	27
Asif Din not out	35
Extras (l-b 11, n-b 1)	12
Total (4 wkts dec)	264

A M Ferreira, C M Old, G C Small, N Gifford and *R G D Willis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–45, 2–97, 3–128, 4–186

BOWLING. Pridgeon 9-3-40-1; Ellcock 7-0-27-0, Patel 27-3-97-0, Illingworth 15-5-32-1, Inchmore 8-1-20-1, d Oliveira 4-0-22-0; Weston 2-0-11-0, Banks 1-0-3-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 172 for 7 dec (M J Weston 51, C M Old 5 for 52)

Second Innings

M S A McEvoy l-b-w b Smith	21
M J Weston c Humpage b Small	10
D N Patel b Smith	31
*P A Neale not out	30
D B d'Oliveira l-b-w b Smith	13
D A Banks l-b-w b Smith	0
†D J Humphries not out	11
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 10)	11
Total (5 wkts)	127

R K Illingworth, J D Inchmore, A P Pridgeon and R M Ellcock did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–22, 2–64, 3–69, 4–97, 5–97

BOWLING: Willis 8-2-24-0; Small 9-1-31-1, Gifford 8-2-18-0, Smith 8-0-41-4; Asif Din 1-0-2-0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and J W Holder.

Setback for Hogg

Willie Hogg, the Warwickshire fast bowler who has not played this season because of a knee injury, has had a second operation and will be out of action for a further two months.

RUGBY UNION

England manage to make a simple task look difficult

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
East London, South Africa

SARA	8
England XV	30

The Border Rugby Union ground is not one of South Africa's more prepossessing venues and this was not one of England's more attractive performances. There was never any doubt that they would beat the South African Rugby Association's invitation side here yesterday but they ran up so many blind alleys on the way that we wondered if the broad highway to victory had diversion signs on it.

England's margin was two goals, three tries and two penalty goals to two tries. They dominated possession, particularly in the set pieces, where Brain took nine heels against the head and Cusani ruled the middle of the lineout.

They did not, however, make best use of it. Youngs, who is not having the happiest of tours, did not always concentrate on giving his backs time to move and Davies was uncertain with his tactical play. Difficulties at half back inevitably created problems futher out where Barley was endeavouring to make an effective return to an England jersey after being out of the game for six weeks.

Whatever else the SARA side lacked they enjoyed tackling. There is a tendency in South Africa for referees to forget the players behind them, which gives scope for three-quarters to creep up beyond the offside line. Hence Mboto, a solidly built centre, and Ntaka, the little left wing whose bald head glistened even on an overcast day, created some havoc in England's ranks.

Burnhill tried hard to find the open spaces and his passing was a pleasure. But all the time England should have been making more of their chances: there are after all still international places to be won. Probably the best of England's forwards yesterday was Rees. The Nottingham player had an excellent game both in attack and defence but he had the misfortune to be chasing Winterbottom's position on the open side flank.

England were 10 points up in the first eight minutes. Stringer sandwiched two penalties around a try from Youngs and if England's attacking pattern was broken up it was thanks chiefly to the efforts of Roberts, the former Eastern Province lock and one of SARA's five white players. The hard-working Ntaka scored on the blind side of a scrum before Burnhill opened up the centre of the field and Stringer sent Trick striding away for a try which the full back converted.

When Hall was despatched to the line from a tapped penalty it seemed as though the floodgates might be forced open but though England ran the ball hither and yon they could not always sustain loose possession and Braans and Mlungwana, who rejoices in the unfortunate (for a full back) first name of Shaky, found some excellent touches.

While Trick and Ntaka were involved in their own private quarrel Mboto helped himself to a try and if the same player had landed two long range penalties England might have been embarrassed. However, tries by Trick and, in the fifth minute of injury time, Teague, the second converted by Stringer, helped England to their biggest win of the tour.

SCORERS: SARA: Tries: Ntaka, Mboto. England: Tries: Trick (2), Youngs, Hall, Teague. Conversions: Stringer (2); Penalties: Stringer (2).

SARA Invitation XV: S Mlungwana; H Mhlaba, S Kwanini, M Mboto, D Ntake; D Braans, S Matomela; D Els, H van Rooyen, S Ncate (capt), M Cushe, W Mxhadi, G Roberts, E Mhlalase, G Koekemoer.

ENGLAND XV: N Stringer (Wasps); D Trick (Bath), B Barley (Wakefield), S Burnhill (Loughborough Univ), A Swift (Swansea); H Davies (Wasps), N Youngs (Leicester), P Randall (Wasps), S Brain (Coventry), G Pearce (Northampton), J Hall (Bath), J Scott (Cardiff, capt), D Cusani (Orrell), G Rees (Nottingham), M Teague (Gloucester).

Referee: F Muller (Eastern Province).

GOLF

Transatlantic tension

Members of the Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA) have been banned from playing in the Irish Open, sponsored by Smirnoff, at Clandeboye, near Belfast next October after differences with the Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA), their counterparts in America.

Another Euopean tournament has been arranged, the Spanish Open, at La Manga, during the same week, from October 9-12. The Irish Open is no longer an approved WPGA event and releases will not be given to members, under the threat of disciplinary action.

A row seemed likely between the respective British and American bodies for the last few months. Yesterday, Mickey Walker, chairman of the WPGA, said at a press conference in London: "I think the members will back our decision."

The British organization claim they were not a party to negotiations between the sponsors and the LPGA which enabled the Americans to take over the Irish event and raise the prize money from £15,000 to its present level – £100,000. Prize money in Spain is £12,500.

The first they knew of the new arrangement was a letter, received in February, stating that the championship was to be restructured under the aegis of the LPGA and that only the top 30 in the WPGA order of merit would be invited. In previous years, all WPGA members had been invited.

Colin Snape, executive director of the WPGA, said his management committee recommended no support for the Irish Open "unless the sponsors recognise the authority of the WPGA to run the championship".

According to Snape, the WPGA would suffer a loss of £10,000 because of the change

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ATHLETICS

No silver lining for McLeod

By Pat Butcher

Mike McLeod is getting over his injury in the Olympic 10,000 metres trial last Sunday and the disappointment of having to run the same distance at the AAA championships on June 23 in order to make the Olympic team. For the British selectors seem unlikely to follow the policy they set themselves at their meeting in February: that is, actually make a selection based upon reason.

The mid-race accident at the United Kingdom championships that caused Julian Goater to fall and McLeod to lose his shoe and 80 metres means that the winner, Nick Rose, will be selected immediately, and Steve Jones, who was second, Goater, third, and McLeod fifth, will have to re-run in three weeks time for the other two places.

McLeod's initial reaction on Sunday was one of anger, saying he would not run on June 23. He has now come to terms with that, but his other reaction is still valid: no 10,000 metres runner with serious Olympic aspirations should have to bring himself to a peak on three occasions in a season – last Sunday, again on June 23, and then in early August at the Olympics.

McLeod is on his best form since 1981, when he won the Golden 10,000 metres in Prague, a repeat of his 1979 victory in Brussels. His 5,000 metres victory in 13min 27.5sec at Crystal Palace two weeks ago is indicative of that. The selectors should do themselves as well as as McLeod a favour by picking him now, and giving him time to prepare properly

YACHTING

Balthazar rises to challenge

By John Nicholls

Balthazar, a new half tonner, designed by Tony Castro, and sailed by Iain Macdonald-Smith, was declared the winner of the Tomatin Trophy at Tarbert, Loch Fyne yesterday. As ever, the trophy went to the boat which was considered to have been given the best performance of all competitors in the series of five races. The choice must have been a difficult one for Tomatin distillers and the race committee, for there were several worthy contenders.

As well as Balthazar, a convincing winner of the half ton class, there were Lingo, sailed by Bill Mackay in Division A1, and Alan Fitton's Scenario Act II, in Division A2. Lingo, a production J29, did exceptionally well to bear the many one-off yachts in her class, while Fitton improved on the high standards he set last year.

Yesterday's breeze was again on the light side of weak, coming in fits and starts that favoured some boats at the expense of others. The lead in the half ton class, probably the most competitive of the nine taking part, changed hands several times.

Balthazar and the Irish boat Sk'Boo (Bertie McDonald) alternated every few legs of the course, with Balthazar overtaking for the last time on the final leg.

RESULTS: 1, Balthazar (I Macdonald-Smith); 2, Chia-Chia (P Whipp); 3, Flash (B Bullen). Division A1: Lingo (W Mackay). Division A2: Scenario Act II (A Fitton). Division B: Thataway (A Robertson). Division C: Musketeer (A Hardie). Division D: Bluemoon (T Windsor). Division E: Dusky Lady (D Large). Division F: Whirligig (G Watson). Sonata: Mickey Finn II (M Forbes)

IN BRIEF

Blomqvist leads the way as Röhrl drops back

The Swdish team of Stig Blomquist and Bjorn Cederberg, in an Audi Quattro, took the lead in the second stage of the four-day Acropolis motor rally yesterday.

Of the 69 cars which started the stage early yesterday, only 56 remined as they approached Athens. Walter Rohal of West Germany, in an Audi Quattro, who was sconds ahead in penalty time at the end of the first stage on Monday, dropped to fourth position due to mechanical problems.

Hannu Mikkoa and co-driver Arne Hertz, of Finland, were in second position in their Audi Quattro.

CYCLING: Urs Freuler, of Switzerland, won a sprint finish yesterday to take the 11th stage of the Giro D'Italia race, from Isernia to Rieti. Freuler has won four stages to date and would have been first in a fifth if he had not lifted his arms in a victory salute.

He was among a group of sprinters who took the initiative as 160 riders sped downhill into Rieti and in the last 350 metres he fought off a challenge by Roger de Vlaeminck of Belgium and Johan van der Velde of the Netherlands, who finished second and third respectively.

Pierangelo Bincoletto won the first intermediate prize of a mainly flat route, while Giovanni Mantovani took an ascent bonus half-way through.

Francesco Moser remains overall leader but without a convincing time advantage over his main rivals.

ELEVENTH STAGE (from Isernia to Rieti, 140 miles): 1, U Freuler (Switz), 6hr 27min 55sec; 2, R de Vlaeminck (Bel), 3, J van der Velde (Neth), 4, P Gavazzi (It), 5, P Rosola (It), 6, G van Calster (Bel) all same time. OVERALL: 1, F Moser (It), 2, M Argentin (It) 39 sec behind; 3, R Visentini (It) 49 sec, 4, L Fignon (Fr) 54 sec, 5, M Lejarreta (Sp) 1.35 behind; 6, J van der Velde 1.59.

EQUESTRIANISM: David Broome, Liz Edgar, Nick Skelton, Harvey Smith and his son, Robert, and Malcolm Pyrah are among the riders expected to compete at the four-day Royal Bath and West Show, which opens today.

GOLF: England's team to play in the European boys' team championships at Royal St George's, Sandwich from July 11-14 is: P Baker (Lilleshall), A Hare (Sleaford), B Jackson (Newmarket Links), S Richardson (Lee-on-the-Solent), P Sweetsur, (Wolstanton).

FOOTBALL

Liverpool can conquer hostile environment to win European Cup

Liverpool, the supreme British team of the decade and arguably Europe's best over the same period, can put themselves within reach of Real Madrid – Europe's most successful post-war club team – by beating Roma tonight.

Real Madrid won the European Cup in the first five years of its existence and later won it again before slipping from their pedestal. Victory in the Olympic Stadium would give Liverpool their fourth European Cup win in eight years and put them ahead of the top teams of the 1970s – Ajax ('71, '72, '73) and Bayern Munich ('74, '75, '76).

In a record 20 successive seasons in Europe, Liverpool bend the knee to none for consistency of performance. Manchester United may retain the glamour in the eyes of supporters from Amsterdam to Zagreb, but it is Liverpool who have the respect of fellow professionals throughout Europe. In any other circumstance they would start favourite to beat a Roma side with little European pedigree. It is a mark of Liverpool's status that even in the Italians' own arena, and with their 10,000 supporters outnumbered five to one, many still believe that they will emerge victorious.

This season's away record – wins in Odense, Bilbao, Benfica and Bucharest – confirms that a hostile environment brings out the best in Liverpool. Their captain, Graeme Souness, said: "It puts you on your toes when practically every fan in the ground seems to be against you. It gives you something to react to. I think we showed in Bilbao and in Bucharest that we don't allow the crowd to get to us in the wrong way."

Roma	Liverpool
Tancredi	Grobbelaar
Oddi	Neal
Bonetti	Kennedy
Di Bartolomei	Lawrenson
Righetti	Whelan
Nela	Hansen
Cerezo	Dalglish
Falcao	Lee
Conti	Rush
Graziani	Johnston
Pruzzo	Souness

Substitutes: Nappi, Chierico, Vicenzi, Strukelj, Maligioglio.
Substitutes: Wardle, Nicol, Hodgson, Gillespie, Robinson.
Television: (live) ITN, 7.05; (highlights) BBC, 10.15.
Radio: Radio 2, 7.2.

Souness himself shows his best form when the crowd are against him and when he finds his top gear then the Liverpool machine runs like a Rolls-Royce. Small wonder that Sampdoria head a strong Italian interest in Souness that matches the lira being touted for Ian Rush.

With Juventus having already won the Cup Winners' Cup and Tottenham the UEFA Cup, tonight's final is an Anglo-Italian decider for pride of place in European club football. Like England, Italy have failed to qualify for the European Championship finals, their World Cup success in 1982 being followed by a huge importation of foreign players which weakened their home player strength.

Roma's first Italian League title for over 40 years, and first European Cup challenge, has been built on two such imports, the Brazilian World Cup players, Falcao and Cerezo. Falcao has the silky skills and sweet control that has marked generations of Brazilians, plus a tactical awareness.

The younger Cerezo is another gifted midfield player. Conti and Bartolomei give Roma experience at the front and back, but the leading scorer, Pruzzo, underlines their finishing weakness, with a single figure goal tally in a 30 match league total of 43.

The new Canon League trophy, the Milk Cup, the FA Cup and the FA Youth Cup are already in the trophy cupboards of Liverpool or Everton. If Souness lifts the European Cup tonight then everything in the garden festival city really will be lovely.

Previous winners

PREVIOUS WINNERS: 1956-60, Real Madrid (Spain); 1961-62, Benfica (Portugal); 1963, AC Milan (Italy); 1964-65, Inter Milan (Italy); 1966, Real Madrid; 1967, Celtic (Scotland); 1968, Manchester United (England); 1969, AC Milan; 1970, Feyenooed (Netherlands); 1971-73, Ajax (Netherlands); 1974-76 Bayern Munich (West Germany); 1977-78, Liverpool (England); 1979-80, Nottingham Forest (England); 1981, Liverpool: (England); 1982, Aston Villa (England); 1983, Hamberg (West Germany).

How the finalists reached Rome

ROMA
FIRST ROUND: Roma 4, Gothenburg 2 (First leg, home: 3-0; second leg, 1-2).
SECOND ROUND: Roma 2, CSKA Sofia 0 (First leg, away: second leg, 1-0).
THIRD ROUND: Roma 4, Dynamo Berlin 2 (First leg, home: 3-0; second leg, 1-2).
SEMI-FINALS: Roma 3, Dundee United 2 (First leg, away: 0-2; second leg, 3-0).
SCORERS: 4, Pruzzo; 2, Cerezo; 1, Conti, Di Bartolemei, Falcao, Graziani, Vincenzi, Oddi, own goal.

LIVERPOOL
FIRST ROUND: Liverpool 6, Odense BK 0 (First leg, away; 1-0; second leg, 5-0).
SECOND ROUND: Liverpool 1, Athletic Bilbao 0, (First leg, home: 0-0; second leg, 1-0).
THIRD ROUND: Liverpool 5, Benfica 1 (First leg, home: 1-0; second leg, 4-1).
SEMI-FINALS: Liverpool 3, Dynamo Bucharest 1 (First leg, home: 1-0; second leg, 2-1).
SCORERS: 5, Rush; 3, Daglish; 2, Robinson, Whelan; 1, Johnston, Lee, own goal.

Top players omitted by Brazil

Rio de Janeniro (Agencies) – Brazil's squad of 23 players for next month's home internationals against England, Uraguay and Argentina, named on Monday by their new coach, Edu, includes 11 newcomers and five World Cup veterans, but Leao, Cerezo, Eder, Zico, Socrates and Falcao are all omitted.

In 1982 World Cup defenders, Leandro, Oscar and Junior, the forward, Roberto, and the World Cup forward, Reinaldo, are in the party, six of whom are from Fluminese, the new Brazilian champions.

Eder is completing a FIFA suspension for being part of an unofficial all-star team last year, while the other big names not included, with the exception of Leao, are all playing for Italian clubs. England are Brazil's first opponents in the Maracana Stadium on June 10.

SQUAD: Goalkeepers: Roberto Costa (Vasco Da Gama), Joao Marcos (Gremio), Paulo Victor (Fluminese). Defenders: LEANDRO (Flamengo), Edison (Corinthians), Oscar (Sao Paulo), Baidek (Gremino), Mozer (Flamengo), Ricardo (Fluminese), Junior (Flamengo), Vladimir (Corinthians). Midfield: Pires (Vasco Da Gama), Jandir (Fluminese), Zenon (Corinthians), Delei (Fluminese), Arturzinho (Vasco Da Gama), Assis (Fluminese). Forwards: Renato (Gremio), Tita (Flamengo), Roberto (Vaso Da Gama), Reinaldo (Athletico Mineiro), Tato (Fluminese), Marquinhos (Vasco Da Gama).

● The Rangers forward Bobby Williamson will be out of action for at least six months, after breaking a leg "in a bit of horseplay" with some of his colleagues during the club's tour of Australia, according to the manager, Jock Wallace.

Rangers pick Jago as general manager

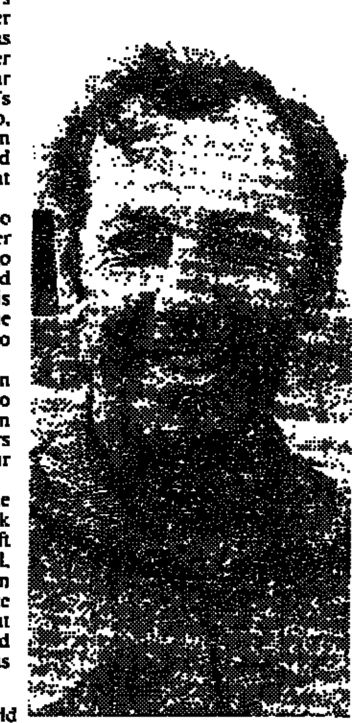
Gordon Jago is back at Queen's Park Rangers, nine years after leaving the club. Jago, aged 51, has been appointed general manager and is expected to sign a four-year contract. Jim Gregory, the Queen's Park Rangers chairman, Met Jago, who managed the Club between 1971 and 1975, over the weekend and announced his appointment yesterday morning.

Mr Gregory is expected to try to recruit a top coach or team manager to take charge of the players. Jago will have control of the finances and commercial side of the club. His appointment puts in doubt the future of Allan Harris, assistant to Terry Venables.

Harris is widely expected to join Venables in Barcelona but no decision on his future has yet been taken. He returns with the Rangers team tomorrow for a two-week tour in Indonesia.

Jago's finest moment with the club came in 1973, when he took them into the first division. He left in 1975 to take charge of Millwall, where he spent two years. He then moved to the United States to take charge of Tampa Bay Rowdies, but kept in touch with Mr Gregory and was a regular visitors to Loftus Road during his visits to England.

● The bulk of the 1982 World Cup-winning squad, including Bergomi, Collovati, Gentile, Scirea, Tardelli, Altobelli and Giordano, are available to play for Italy against the United States in East Rutherford, New Jersey, today. New York Cosmos provide 10 of the American squad.


Jago: Venables' successor

● The Nottingham Forest manager, Brian Clough, organized a game of indoor cricket yesterday as a warm-up for Forest's match against Australia in Adelaide today, with a special trophy as the prize.

IN BRIEF

Prean unlikely to match sixth place

Carl Prean, aged 16, who captured so many headlines last year, will be out to reestablish himself in the last of the table tennis masters events sponsored by Norwich Union, starting here today (Richard Eaton writes from Hongkong).

Prean, has had a modest season, and the chances of his equalling the sixth place he achieved last time in Jamaica are not great.

The youngster is in a group that contains Jan-Ove Walder, European top 12 champion, and Patrick Birocheau, of France, who surprisingly helped his country to the European title in Moscow in April.

Waldner's Swedish compatriot, Ulf Bentsson, became the equally surprising singles champion of that occasion, and the two probably represent the biggest challenge to the Chinese, who were a spectacular failure against the Swedes in the World Cup eight months ago. Wang Hui-yuan, the western grip player, holds the masters title.

BOXING: Alex Blanchard, of the Netherlands, took the European light-heavyweight championship with an upset knockout victory in the sixth round over the French title-holder, Richard Caramanolis, in Amsterdam, on Monday night. Caramanolis was making his first defence of the title, which he took from the veteran Dutchman, Rudi Koopmans, in Marseilles on February 2. He had won all his previous 26 fights.

● The European championships next year will be held in Budapest, starting at the end of May. There will be no junior championships next year.

MOTOR RACING: The international motor sports federation said yesterday they had still not been officially informed by the Spanish Grand Prix organizers of the cancellation of the race at Fuengirola on October 21, and they consider the race is still on.

FOR THE RECORD

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: SARA 8, England XV 30.

VOLLEYBALL

RIGA, SOVIET UNION: International Women's Tournament: Japan bt USSR, 3-1 (15-12,9-15, 15-12,15-8): China bt United States, 3-1 (15-9, 15-7, 10-15, 15-6).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 6, Oakland Athletics 2; Kansas City Royals 6, Texas Rangers 1; California Angels 6, New York Yankees 2; Baltimore Orioles 7, Seattle Mariners 4. Postponed: Chicago White Sox v Toronto Blue Jays; Boston Red Sox v Minnesota Twins; Cleveland Indians v Milwaukee Brewers.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego Padres 5, New York Mets 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 6, Montreal Expos 1, Atlanta Braves 6, St Louis Cardinals 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 7, Houston Astros 0. Postponed: Philadelphia Phillies v San Francisco Giants; Chicago Cubs v Cincinnati Reds.

TEN-PIN BOWLING

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia: World team championship: Men: Czechoslvakia, 5.582 points; 2, Romania, 5.568; Yugoslavia, 5.535. Women: 1, Hungary, 2.573; 2, Yugoslavia, 2.562; 3, Czechoslovakia, 2.548.

SHOOTING

WYNYARD PARK, Cleveland: International grand prix (clay pigeon): 1, B Simpson, 130 out of 150; 2, P Howe, 128; 3, G Gowler, 127. Women: 1, J Philips, 101. Juniors: 1 P Foster, 112. Veterans: 1, D Dodd, 114. Final placings (for Olympic selections): Skeet: 1, P Bentley 1,172 out of 1200; 2, W Sykes, 1168. Trap: 1 P Croft, 1,161; 2, P Boden, 1,156.
SUHL: East Germany international air pistol competition: 1, G Eder (EG), 585, 2, K Paulis (Austria), 581; 3, G Robinson (GB), 581.

BOXING

AMSTERDAM: European light-heavyweight championship: Alex Blanchard (Neth) ko Richard Caramanolis (Fr, holder), 6th round.

REAL TENNIS

WORLD TOURNAMENT: Groups: at Jesmond Dene, Newcastle: C J Ronaldson bt C J Lumley, 6-5, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; P Tabley bt W Gregg, 6-3, 6-3, 5-6, 4-6, 6-1; Ronaldson bt Gregg, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1; Lumley bt Tabley, 6-4, 6-1, 6-5. at Oxford: W F Davies bt M F Dean, 6-2, 6-3, 6-5; J Howell bt F Wills, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Davies bt Howell, 6-2, 6-5, 6-1; Dean w/o Wills, scr. at Canford School: L Deuchar bt A C Lovell, 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-5; J D Ward bt R M Cowper, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. at Petworth: D C Johnson bt G J Parsons, 6-4, 6-4, 6-0; K Sheldon bt B Toates, 5-6, 6-5, 6-3, 6-0. Ronaldson, Davies, Deuchar, Johnson (winners), Lumley, Howell, Lovell, Sheldon (runners-up), qualify for quarter-finals.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit Tigers	36	8	.818	–
Toronto Blue Jays	31	14	.689	5½
Baltimore Orioles	26	21	.553	11½
Milwaukee Brewers	20	23	.465	15½
Boston Red Sox	20	26	.435	17
New York Yankees	19	26	.422	17½
Cleveland Indians	16	26	.381	19
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
California Angels	25	24	.510	–
Minnesota Twins	23	24	.489	1
Seattle Mariners	23	25	.479	1½
Oakland Athletics	22	26	.458	2½
Chicago White Sox	21	25	.457	2½
Kansas City Royals	19	24	.442	3
Texas Rangers	19	28	.404	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE: East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago Cubs	26	18	.591	–
Philadelphia Phillies	25	19	.568	1
New York Mets	22	20	.524	3
Montreal Expos	24	22	.522	3
St Louis Cardinals	22	26	.458	6
Pittsburgh Pirates	18	24	.429	7
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Diego Padres	25	21	.543	–
L Angeles Dodgers	27	23	.540	–
Atlanta Braves	24	22	.522	1
Cincinnati Reds	24	22	.522	1
Houston Astros	19	27	.413	6
S Francisco Giants	16	28	.364	8

WINDSURFING

PLYMOUTH: British national championships: Lightweight: 1, A Biggs, 4.1 points; 2, G Ferrant, 12; 3, M Carney, 21.7. Heavyweight: 1, S Keightley, 6.4 points; 2, D Hackford, 14.7; 3, L Noble, 16.7. Women: 1, P Way, 2.8 points; 2, E Robinson, 15; 3, J Martin, 17.

TENNIS

SWANSEA: Welsh closed championships: men's singles final: L Alfred bt S Jones, 6-0, 6-2. Women's singles final: J Griffiths bt J Barber, 6-1, 7-6

FOOTBALL

TRANSATLANTIC CHALLENGE CUP: semi-finals: New York Cosmos 5, Barcelona 3; Udinese 1, Fluminese 1 (Udinese win 4-2 on penalties)
NORWEGEAN LEAGUE: Fredrikstad 2, EIK 2; Kongsvinger 1, Moss 0; Start 2, Bryne 2; Rosenborg 2, Lillestroem 2; Vaalerengen 3, Strindheim 0

SQUASH RACKETS: The sport has landed another major sponsorship, worth £20,000, from Shulton, manufacturers of men's toiletries. The new sponsors will next season take over the British under-23 closed championship and the under-23 open event.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Japan's largest overseas Olympic delegation – 320 athletes – will compete in Los Angeles. It will be the second largest Japanese Olympic team, following the 439 who assembled for the 1964 Games in Tokyo.

● FIFA will announce substitute teams for those qualified countries boycotting the Olympic football tournament after the deadline for entries expires on June 2.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Judges of absent nations to preside

From David Miller, Lausanne

The International Sports Federation made it clear to the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee here yesterday that they would not be able to implement Peter Ueberroth's recommendation that judges and referees of the boycotting countries should not be acceptable "on the field". How, Ueberroth reasonably asks, can judges operate calmly and effectively if it is unsafe for them, as alleged by the Soviet government?

Although there was, I understand, some sympathy for Ueberroth from Brazilian representatives, the Federation has generally of the opinion that it would be too disruptive to bar the Communist officials, although several of the 23 Olympic sports do not by their own regulations permit judges from non-competing nations. Others, such as rowing, will have approximately 20 per cent from Eastern Europe, in their case eight of 40.

Ueberroth had pointedly asked Uri Titov, the Soviet president of the international gymnastics federation, how their officials could be confident judges if the Soviet gymnasts were thought to be threatened and therefor withdrawn? Titov did not respond.

Track and field (athletics) will have only two judges from boycotting nations, a Polish and an East German judge in the walking events. It is a tradition of the IAAF that the host nation provides almost all the judges, an economic fact as much as anything. There will also be a Soviet and East German member on the jury of appeal, making a total of four out of some 400.

While Canada and other nations are increasing their entry to help fill the gaps, particularly noticeable in rowing and shooting – "a chance to make up to our competitors for 1980", says the IOC executive member Richard Pound – athletics will not adjust its qualifying standards to make up numbers, according to the IAAF secretary, John Hope.

The entry figures at Munich, Montreal and Moscow show that in only 13 of the 24 men's track and field events did the current boycotting countries ever provide more than 10 competitors between them: 100, 200, 110 hurdles, marathon, 20 kilometre walk, 50 kilometre walk, high jump, long jump, shot, discus, javelin, hammer, decathlon. At 800, 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 at Moscow they provided seven, six, six and four respectively. But in the women's events they had between 10 and 15 entries in every event except the two relays. There are many who regard their absence now as offering a golden opportunity to all the other countries.

Arthur Takac, the Yugoslav vice-president of the European Athletics Federation, is one of those convinced the Games will not be damaged. He has been at every Games since Berlin and said yesterday: "I am convinced that the spirit of the Games must be maintained, must always be there whoever is absent. But once the Games begin, as in Moscow, the spirit is present."

Marksmen come under sight

Lausanne (Reuter) – Screening to detect the presence of beta-blockers among shooting competitors is to be conducted at the Olympics for the first time. But beta-blockers are not yet on the International Olympic Committee's list of banned substances, so there will be no disqualifications resulting from positive screenings.

Beta-blockers, which inhibit the body's production of adrenalin, are believed to be used by some marksmen in shooting events to enable them to remain calm and steady while taking aim.

ROWING

Oriel likely to keep headship

By Jim Railton

The Oxford Summer Eights, which start today, could produce a stalemate at the top end with Oriel once again making a successful defence of their headship. With the 1984 record-breaking Boat Race eight scattered among five colleges, none of Oriel's pursuers look to have the necessary pace to overhaul them.

Oriel have one Blue on board, Long, and two Isis oarsmen; their immediate pursuers, Christ Church, have two Isis oarsmen among their ranks.

Men
DIVISION I (6.30): Oriel, Christ Church, Magdalen, New College, St Edmund Hall, Keble, Worcester, Balliol, Exeter, Pembroke, University, Wadham.
DIVISION II (5.30): Lincoln, Trinity, St John's, Osler House, Oriel II, Queen's, Brasenose, Merton, Jesus, Corpus Christi, Hertford, St Catherine's.
DIVISION III (5.00): Keble II, Christ Church II, St Peter's, Mansfield, Pembroke II, Wolfson, University II, Lincoln II, Oriel III, St Edmund Hall II, Balliol II, Keble III.
DIVISION IV (4.00): New College II, Merton II, Exeter II, Wadham II, St John's II, Christ Church III, Magdalen II, Hertford II, Queen's II, Brasenose II, St Catherine's II, Keble III.
DIVISION V (3.30): Jesus II, Balliol III, Trinity II, St Edmund Hall III, St Peter's II, Merton III, Pembroke III, Exeter III, Keble IV, Lady Margaret Hall, University III, Lincoln III.
DIVISION VI (2.55): Christ Church IV, Linacre, Oriel IV, Worcester III, Osler House II, University IV, Lincoln IV, St Peter's III, St Anne's, Corpus Christi II, Exeter IV, Queen's III
DIVISION VII (1.45): Lady Margaret Hall II, New College III, Keble V, Wolfson II, Linacre II, Pembroke IV, Hertford III, Brasenose III, Corpus Christi III, Oriel V, St John's III, St Catherine's III.
DIVISION VIII (1.10): Brasenose IV, Oriel VI, New College IV, St Catherine's IV, St Benet's Hall, St Anne's II, Wadham III, Keble VI, Oriel VII, Wolfson III, Lady Margaret Hall III, Mansfield II.
DIVISION IX (12.35): Osler House III, Keble VIII, t John's IV, Wadham IV, St Catherine's V, Jesus III, St Anne's III, Oriel VIII, Trinity III, Trinity IV, Worcester IV, St Edmund Hall IV, Christ Church V.

Women
DIVISION 1 (6.0): St Hugh's Lady Margaret Hall, Osler House, Jesus, St Catherine's, Somorville, Worcester, St Hugh's II, St Hilda's, Wadham, St Anne's Keble.
DIVISION II (4.30): Wolfson, Corpus Christi, Linacre, Pembroke, Hertford, New College, Brasenose, Lincoln, Balliol, Lady Margaret Hall II, Trinity, Somerville II.
DIVISON III (2.20) University, St Hugh's III, St Hilda's II, Christ Church, Queen's, St Edmund Hall, Trinity II, Jesus II, St Catherine's II, Mansfield, Brasenose II St Hugh's IV.
DIVISION IV (12.0): Magdalen, Keble II, Merton, Wolfson II, St Hilda's III, Jesus III, New College II, St Hilda's IV, St John's, St Peter's, St Anne's II, Hertford II, Lincoln II.

CYCLING

Keeping up: Steve Jones (No 6, GB Pros) shadows Oleg Czougeda (No 91, USSR) in a breakaway group through the Cotswolds, led by Phil Cassidy (No 51, Ireland).

Elliott shows grit on the Malvern Hills

By John Wilcockson

Malcolm Elliott proved yesterday that he has allied professional grit to his amateur talent by retaining the leadership of the twenty-seventh Milk Race in the best possible manner, by attacking. He finished third on the second stage behind Jocelyn Jolidon (Switzerland) and Peter Hilse (West Germany) after they had escaped with three others on the first lap of a nine-mile finishing circuit in the Malvern Hills.

The move was begun by Stefan Brykt, the 19-year-old Swede who was second in the 1983 Milk Race. He made a brave attack into a head wind up the Malvern Camp climb, and he was joined by Hilse and Alexander Zinoviev, of the Soviet Union, and then by Elliott.

The Sheffield professional recounted: "I was really smashed on the climb, but I jumped hard 100 metres after the top, and nobody came with me."

It sounds simple, but the speed of Elliott's pursuit was impressive. Neil Martin, the British amateur who had been first to the Malvern Beacon summit, said: "I tried to go after him, but he was just going too fast on the descent."

As the second, and last, lap began, two men did close the gap, a second Swede, Kjell Nilsson, and Jolidon. Nine miles later, six were still together, 38 seconds ahead of he main group, after the two Swedish riders had done most of the pace-making.

Jolidon, who recently won an international race in Italy, began the uphill sprint 150 meters from the line. Elliott was late in reacting, and he was still half a wheel behind at he chequered flag, where Hilse squeezed past for second place.

In the overall standings, Zinoviev is still 13 seconds behind Elliott, while Brykt has moved into third place, another 24 seconds in arrears. Jolidon, for Neuchatel, would be fourth, but two days ago he crashed and finished last in the prologue time trial at Brighton.

Elliott's success was partly due to the fine teamwork of his Great Britain Professional colleagues. When the dangerous Russian, Oleg Czougeda, escaped on an undulating main road through the Cotswolds, Steve Jones was one of the five men who joined him. The British professional simply sat on the breakaway as they moved to a lead of more than three minutes within eight miles.

This allowed Elliott to relax in the main group, where the Polish and Great Britain Amateur teams orchestrated the exhausting chase that lasted until they reched Malvern. Czougeda won a 20 seconds sprint bonus at Tewkesbury to keep him in the overall picture, but he had no energy left to go with the vital break in the hills.

SECOND STAGE: Swindon to Great Malvern (80 miles) 1, J Jolidon (Switz) 3 hrs 25min 23sec; 2, P Hilse (WG); 3, M Elliott (GB Pros); 4, A Zinoviev (USSR); 5, S Brykt (Swe); 6, K Nilsson (Swe), all same time. 7, J Travnicek (Cz) 3:26:01; 8, N Martin (GB Amateurs), same time.

Other leading British and Irish: 16, H Downs (GB Pros) 3:26:01; 19, P Watson (Young England) 3:26:01; 20, D Gilleran (Ire); 22, S Downey (Ire); 29, P Longbottom (GB Amateurs); 30, J Williams (GB Amateurs), all same time.

OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, Elliott 7:50:02; 2, Zinoviev 7:50:15; 3, Brykt 7:50:39; 4, O Czougeda (USSR) 3:50:47; 5, Hilse 7:50:39; 6, Nilsson 7:50:47; 7, Jolidon 7:51:06; 8, V Gedanov (USSR) 7:51:09; 9, Z Jaskula (Poland) 7.51:10; 10, Y Kashirin (USSR) 7:51:12.

LEADING TEAMS: 1, Sweden 23:19:32; 2, GB Pros 23:19:40; 3, USSR 23:19:50; 4, W Germany and Switzerland 23:20:10, 6 GB Amateurs 23:20:48.

GOLF

Parkin's distinction

By John Hennessy

Philip Parkin, the British Amateur champion, returned home this week for the biennial match against the Continent for the St Andrews Trophy bearing a special distinction. He has been selected for the All-American Universities team. Never before has an outsider forced his way into this distinguished company.

This time there are two, the other from Australia, and Parkin has to return to New York in a week or two's time set for a glittering ceremonial occasion in the presence of Arnold Palmer. It is a formal distinction, specifically designed to recognize excellence, since the All-American team have no playing engagement.

Parkin, an engagingly boyish extrovert of 22, is in the middle of a business studies course at Texas A & M (Agricultural and Mechanical), near Houston. He played with Palmer on the first day of the United States Masters at Augusta and was underwhelmed. Parkin 73, one over par, outpointed the old master but Parkin did less well with John Mahaffey the following day and, he warned us; "I've gone off the boil."

Andrea Canessa, of Italy, is the only survivor from the match two years ago. To some extent this has been due to defections to the professional ranks but the absence of any French players is a source of bewilderment. Great Britain, on the other hand, are reinforced by the return of Peter McEvoy, twice and Amateur champion, who has recovered his zest for competition, and George MacGregor, and experienced Scot.

Saunton provides a worthy setting, with greens regarded by some players as the best they have seen this year. If the fairways have suffered from the dry spring, what would links golf be without the rub of the green?

FOURSOMES (British and Irish first): C Laurence (Warren) and P McEvoy (Copt Heath), V T Sviland (Nor) and J Rasmussen (Den); A Moir (McDonald) and P Parkin (Newtown), V A Binaghi and A Canessa (It); J Hawksworth (Royal Lytham) and G McGregor (Glencorse), V M Olazabal and J Gervas (Sp); G McGimpsey (Bangor) and A Sherborne (Long Ashton), V M Hogberg and F Lindgren (Swe).

SINGLES: Parkin v Rasmussen; Laurence v Binaghi; McEvoy v Olazabal; MacGregor v F Schlig (WG); McGimpsey v Sviland; Hawksworth v Hogberg; T Corridan (Ballybunnion) v Gervas; Moir v Canessa.

A jackpot for one club

Severiano Ballesteros and Lee Trevino will be paid most of the £100,000 it is costing for six of the world's top golfers to stage a one-club challenge series over the old course at St Andrews on July 24.

The Organizers refused to reveal how much is being paid to the individual players but estimates put the fee for Ballesteros and Travino at approximately £25,000 each for the 21 holes in which they will be involved, just half what they would receive for winning the Open Championship two days earlier.

With £20,000 to cover expenses this would leave £30,000 to be divided between the other four competitors, Nick Faldo, Greg Norman, Isao Aoki and Hal Sutton.

The event will be televised by the *BBC* for showing in three one-hour programmes, possibly around Christmas, and also in Japan, America, Canada, Australia and Hongkong. Ballesteros and Trevino, will take on two of the others in a six-hole match, then the other two and finally face against each other over nine holes.

Throughout the series Ballesteros and Trevino will use only one club each, even for putting. But their challengers will be allowed to use as many as they like, although they will be penalized a stroke for each extra club they use.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
European Cup Final
Roma v Liverpool at the Olympic Stadium, Rome, 7.15)
OTHER SPORT
GOLF: St Andrews Trophy (at Saunton GC).

TENNIS

Geniality survives on a grey day

From Rex Bellamy, Paris

Catherine Tanvier beat Lucia Romanov 6–2, 7–5, in the first round of the French championships here yesterday. It was raining at the time, but the rain was the insubstantial type that seems to hover rather than fall. So the covers were removed from the centre court and, without demur, the girls went out to play.

That is worth noting because although a few celebrities expect to be pampered, the likes of Miss Tanvier and Miss Romanov are helpfully amenable. Most players, men and women alike, are far more tolerant and responsible than some of the game's more eccentric publicists would have us believe.

An endearing feature of these great tournaments is the chance to meet old friends who embodied – and still do – those genial traditions based on good humour rather than bad manners. Here in Paris are such people as Lea Pericoli, Neale Fraser, Bob Howe, Fred Stolle and that unsurpassed tennis comedian, Abe Segal, who once observed of the East European clay-court specialists gathered at the Roland Garros Stadium: "They're built like tanks and they run like deer. They should be entered in the Grand National" (adjectives omitted).

Today's clay-court specialists, East Europeans included, are not all that different. They have the same strong legs and tired eyes, the same air of subdued suffering – as if aching somewhere or convinced that they soon will be. Many have seemingly fictional names, and take part in seemingly endless but (usually) ultimately irrelevant matches, And around them are the massed ranks of the French – the only people, one suspects, who can shrug with their mouths.

Two men with strong legs and tired eyes won five-set matches on Monday, at a time of life when they are not supposed to. They were Harold Solomon, aged 31, and Vitas Gerulaitis, aged 29, who have both been runners-up here. It seemed an unfair division of labour that on the same day two lads with only 16 birthdays behind them, Kent Carlsson and Aaron Krickstein, each lost only two games – yes, games.

Yesterday's rain was only sporadically interrupted by tennis. There was time to engage in the daily debate about what constitutes a grand slam – a topical issue because Martina Navratilova can achieve the feat here in both singles and (with Pam Shriver) in doubles.

There is a school of double-think, based in the United States, which used to insist that although the Masters is played in January, it is the last tournament of the previous year. Disciples of the same school insists that a grand slam can only be complete between January 1 and December 31.

It is no good telling them that in recent years the Australian championships have often begun in December and ended in January, thus making grand slams logically impossible in terms of a calender year. It is no good asking what will happen to the grand slam in the calender year that contains no Australian championships, as will happen soon when the Australian tournament moves totally into January. It is no good pointing out that the International Tennis Federation has officially defined a grand slam as simultaneously holding the Australian, French, Wimbledon, and United States championships.

For all the double-think, you and I know that Miss Navratilova is now engaged on the last lap of grand slams in singles and doubles. If she and John McEnroe do their stuff, we will have two left-handed champions for the first time since 1966 (remember Ann Jones and Tony Roche?).

Women's singles
FIRST ROUND: C Tanvier (Fr) bt L Romanov (Rom), 6–2, 7–5.

Monday's late results
MEN'S SINGLES: First round: R Gehring (WG) bt T. Mayotte (US), 7–5, 6–1, 7–6; R Seguso (US) bt A Giammalva (US), 7–5, 0–6, 7–5, 7–5; R Stadler (Switz) bt D Tarr (SA), 4–6, 1–6, 6–4, 6–3, 6–3; G Ocleppo (It) bt J Soares (Br), 4-6, 6–3, 2–6, 6–3, 6–4; V Gerulaitis (US) bt L Bourne (US), 3–6, 6–7, 6–4, 6–6.
WOMEN'S SINGLES First round: M Calleja (Fr) bt S Leo (Aus), 7–6, 6–4; P Uys (SA) bt A Kannellopoulou (Gr), 7–5, 6–4; J Durie (GB) bt L Drescher (Switz), 6–3, 6–3; M Yanagi (Japan) bt M Nostrand (US), 6–2, 6–3.


Tanvier: amenable

Miss Milford has a day to remember

By Lewine Mair

Melissa Milford, a commendably hard-working youngster from Surrey, had a day to remember, when she defeated Anna Randall, the fourth seed, 7–5, 6–2, to take her place in the quarter-finals of the 14-and-under hard court championships, sponsored by Prudential at Craiglockhart, Edinburgh.

Miss Randall, a tall, powerful girl, who played well enough over the winter to represent Britain at 14-and-under level, never exactly exuded confidence. Her opponent, on the other hand, showed a deal of spirit and coped well with the pressure in the early stages of the second set.

On a day when all eight seeds among the 14-and-under boys arrived safely in the quarter-finals, it was Lucy Jefferies, of Avon, who accounted for the other lost seed, Sara Loosemore, in the girls' event.

RESULTS: Boys: C Beecher bt P Mair, 6–0, 6–1; I Nicholas bt A Jackson, 5–7, 6–0, 6–2; J Hunter bt J Routledge, 6–1, 6–1; M Petley bt D Harris, 6–3, 6–3; M Aldridge bt E Beesley, 6–0, 6–4; N Smith bt R Ground, 2–6, 6–4, 6–2; J Lenson bt K Byless, 7–6, 6–3; B Nganga bt S Frieze, 6–0, 7–5. Girls: N Entract bt E Lewis, 6–0, 6–1; L Jefferies bt S Loosemore, 6–3, 6–1; M Milford bt A Randall, 7–4, 6–2; M Mair bt C Tree, 7–5, 6–3; A Gregory bt N Topper, 6–4, 6–4; J Donovan bt S Elvin, 6–0, 6–1; S Peach bt R Sharp, 6–2, 7–5; A Hill bt V Heath, 6–0, 6–2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Noble in race to gain tour fitness

Sydney (Reuter). – Brian Noble, the captain of Britain's rugby league tour team, will have a fitness test before the game with North Sydney, to be played at the Sydney cricket ground, tonight.

The Bradford Northern hooker missed training yesterday after straining groin muscles in last Sunday's 36-30 victory over Western Division, at Dubbo. If Noble fails the test, his place will go to Kevin Beardmore, with Mick Adams, the lock, taking over the captaincy.

Noble has played in all but one of Britain's opening four games and his strength has been rewarded with four tries, making him joint leading try-scorer with the wingers, Des Drummond and Des Foy.

Tony Myler, the fly-half, will definitely miss tonight's match after developing complications with a knee injury which was operated on in England early in April.

Myler played his first tour game in Dubbo last weekend, but was replaced midway through the second half. There was inflamation around the knee after the game, and he has been given a course of tablets to reduce the swelling, and ordered to rest for five days.

Frank Myler, Britain's coach, has replaced his nephew with Steve Donlan for the game with North Sydney, which Britain approach having won the four games played so far. They had to scramble to beat Riverina and Western Division, two New South Wales Country sides, but should be helped tonight by the fact that last Sunday North Sydney lost Mark Graham, their New Zealand international forward, with a dislocated shoulder.

Today's game is regarded as a workout for Britain in preparation for the opening international against Australia, at the Sydney cricket ground, on June 9.

Frank Stanton, of New South Wales, has been appointed the Australian coach for the series. He replaces Arthur Beetson, of Queensland, who lost the job after the international series against New Zealand last season, which was drawn.

BRITAIN: M Burke, D Drummond, G Schofield, K Mumby, D Foy, S Donlan, A gregory, M Adams, A Goodway, C Burton, K Rayne, B Noble, L Crooks.
NORTH SYDNEY: W Portlock, A Simons, N Tait, S Brockwell, A Sheppard, W Lonergan, L Spiles, G Jennings, B Cooper, P Cross, D McKinnon, P Ritchie, L Johnston.

BOXING

An Irish takeover is imminent

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Barry McGuigan looks certain to disprove the saying that only Cockneys can sell out the Albert Hall. Tickets are getting scarce for the Irish featherweight's European title defence against Esteban Eguia, of Spain, on June 5, according to Mike Barrett, the promoter.

At the end of the year McGuigan who is ranked sixth in the world, could be back in London challenging either Wilfredo Gomez, for the WBC version. The Irish can lay their hands on $750,000 (about £535,000) at the moment to stage the bout either at Wembley or King's Hall, Belfast.

Mr Barrett said of the Atlantic as McGuigan does not like to be away too long from his family in Clones. Mickey Duff is at present talking money with Pedroza who, it seems, does not mind travelling. Gomez, the Irish fear, will ask too much.

Eguia, who was beaten on points by Keith Wallace, should not pose too many problems for McGuigan. The Spainard is durable but limited. McGuigan, however, is not talking any chances and arrived in London yesterday to put the finishing touches to his preparation. "I like to impress in my fights, "he said. "Eguia can make opponents look bad and I just hope he doesn't make me look bad."

McGuigan will be training at the Thomas A'Becket every day from 2pm and since the reputation of the Irishman, who has won all but one of his 21 bouts, 18 of them inside the distance, has gone before him there could be a crush at the Old Kent Road pub and a little shoving may be needed to get beyond the "Pugilism not Vandalism" notice above the gym door.

SWIMMING

Little hope for a fading butterflyer

Caroline Cooper looks to be an unlucky absentee when the British selectors announce their squad for Los Angeles today. Although the Kelly College girl heads the 100 metres butterfly rankings with 62.04 seconds, a poor performance in the Olympic trials at Coventry over the weekend has seriously jeopardized her chances.

She finished sixth in Sunday's final, won by Ann Osgerby of Wigan Wasps in 62.12sec. Nicola Fibbens (Harrow and Wealdstone) was second in 62.45, having achieved 62.22 in the heats. This pair may well now get the vote.

Miss Cooper set her best time back in February and the selectors may feel they cannot gamble on her rediscovering her form between now and the games.

Andy Astbury, the double Commonwealth champion, was also below par at Coventry, finishing fourth in both the 200 and 400 metres freestyle final – the two events that he won at Brisbane two years ago. He has been recently preoccupied with taking his final degree examination at the University of Arizona and should certainly be given the benefit of the doubt in the 200 metres where he tops the British rankings with 1min 51.63sec.

Zara Long looks likely to be Britain's youngest competitor in Los Angeles. The Beckenham schoolgirl, aged 13, confirmed her astonishing improvement over the past 12 months by winning the 200 metres individual medley in 2min 20.42sec.

The diving and synchronized swimming teams will also be announced today.





RACING: ZILBER DENIES THAT PRIX LUPIN WINNER WILL MISS FRENCH DERBY

Saxham Breck to lead off Brighton double for Durr

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)


Frank Durr: double chance at Brighton

Frank Durr, the Newmarket trainer, has a good chance of winning both the Flanagan and Allen Handicap and the Channel Handicap at Brighton today with Saxham Breck and Garden Route.

Spanish Point will be trying to win the race that Douglas Marks sponsors annually in memory of those famous members of the celebrated Crazy Gang for a second time, but his recent form does nothing to encourage me to think that he will beat Saxham Breck, who also has a victory over Brighton's switchback course to his credit.

Garden Route's weight for the Channel Handicap has been increased by a penalty for a victory at Pontefract last Friday. It should not stop him from winning again in this company however, because it was in some style that he put paid to the useful Alawir at Pontefract.

Redden has an excellent record at Brighton and I could fancy him if only I could be guaranteed that he would run as well as he did at Epsom last month when he finished fourth in the City and Suburban Handicap. However, his two subsequent races at Lingfield Park have been most disappointing, so I come down firmly in favour of Garden Route now.

No matter how Redden runs, Joe Mercer, his jockey, should not leave the course without tasting success because there are grounds for thinking that he will win the Klix Drinks Fillies Stakes on Dimant Blanche (nap) and American-bred filly trained by Peter Walwyn for Shaikh Maktoum Al Maktoum.

Dimant Blanche finished fourth at Windsor 16 days ago, beaten only two-and-a-half lengths by the winner Sorayah. In the meantime that form has been given a considerable boost, not only by Sorayah when she upset the odds laid on Sharp Ascent at Rippon a week ago, but also by the third horse, Adelphai, who has won at Windsor and Prontefract in the meantime.

In the circumstances Dimant Blanche may be good enough to foil Musing, who finished fourth at Goodwood a week ago, five lengths behind Single Love and third to Sharp Ascent at Kempton before that. The Thresher and Meziara can help to keep the many followers of Lester Piggott in a happy frame of mind by winning the Clayton Handicap and the Seaford Selling Stakes, respectively, but not even the maestro himself should be able to force Ewell Place home in front of Love Walked In and Crown Eagle in the Regency Maiden Stakes.

The distance of this race looks tailor-made to suit Love Walked In, who was outpaced over a shorter trip by Enchanted Castle here a fortnight ago. Since then Enchanted Castle has won a competitive handicap at Leicester.

● Real Gold, seventh in the Irish 1,000 guineas last saturday, has been introduced into the Oaks betting at 14-1 by Ladbrokes, who make Optimistic Lass and Circus Plume 5-1 joint-favourites.

Dahar not going direct to Epsom

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Dahar completed his final workout before the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) over 10 furlongs on Les Aigles training track at Chantilly yesterday morning. The colt will be ridden by Lester Piggott in the French classic and the partnership could be renewed three days later in the Epsom Derby provided Dahar performs with distinction next Sunday.

Although the gallops were extremely testing after a lot of recent rain, Dahar was seen to go well in the hands of work rider, Jacques Thevenet. Yesterday afternoon at Saint-Cloud Maurice Zilber, the trainer, denied reports that Dahar would go directly to Epsom, missing out his French engagement.

Zilber said: "Dahar runs at Chantilly first and only in England if all goes well on Sunday." The only other French runner at Epsom will be the Prix Ganay winner, Romildo, who will contest the Coronation Cup.

● Secreto and Capture Him, third and fourth behind Sadler's Wells in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, are among 14 four-day acceptors for the £20,000 Kilfrush What A Guest Stakes at Phoenix Park on Saturday. Hollywood Party, trained by Barry Hills at Lambourn, is a possible challenger from England.

The 14 declarations are: Flame of Tara, committed, Hollywood Party, Fiery Celt, Secreto, Without Reserve, Argosy, Capture Him, Flight Plan, Masubeni, Red Russell, Sand Castle, Irish Piper, Tinamou.

Schoolboy beats the itinerant master

Point-to-point, by Brian Beel

David Turner's travels in his quest to win the men's riding championship were again in vain last Thursday and at two weekend meetings. The East Anglian rider, who took two horses across the country into Wales for the Llandeilo Farmers meeting on Thursday evening, managed only one second place. This was on Laurel Hill in the Open, where it looked as if Sparkford would be the big danger in a four-horse race.

However, this was not to be, as Tim Jones, a schoolboy, on Turnale, the rank outsider of the party at 50-1, was the one to beat him by half a length. This was the second win of Jones's career. His first was on the same horse a fortnight previously in the Llangeinor Adjacent Hunt race.

Turner's second ride, Pamper Pet, was brought down in the Restricted Open race, but before this, in the Ladies Open, Mandy Lingard had brought her season's total to 11 with another easy win on National Cover. Tim Rooney drew a blank here, so Paul Hamer's win on Yellow Jersey gave him the Welsh riders' championship.

With Peter Creenall and Turner still on the same mark, the interest on Saturday centred at Tweseldown where they opposed each other in the Isle of Wight open race. Between them they had the choice of nine horses, from which Turner elected to ride Saldatore and Greenall Robson.

In a field of 13 both were prominent for most of the way, but it became obvious in the closing stages that Saldatore was beginning to feel the effects of a hard season and could find nothing extra. Robson won comfortably from Silent Burn, with Saldatore in third place.

At this meeting, Mrs Claire Villar, owner of the well-known hunter-chasers Mr Mellors and Corked, had the satisfaction of seeing her daughter, Francesca, ride her first winner when Beeno won the Ladies Open race.

In Devon at the Dulverton East, Grant Cann had an outside chance of catching his two rivals in the riders' championship, but had the humiliation of being beaten on four odds-on favourites.

On Monday the battle continued at the North Warwickshire meeting, where Greenall looked to have a better chance on Royal Missile than Turner on Barstick. Neither, however, was successful. Barstick fell at the fourteenth and although nicely placed in the closing stages, after Good Trade and Ian McKie had come to grief going well in the lead four out, Greenall could make no further progress in a race won by Robert Bellamy on Cool Kanda.

Consolation came for the Turner family, however, in the Ladies' Open where Josie Shepard on Swarm beat Tanya Davies on the favourite Free Drop.

White Paper looked to have an excellent chance of winning the hunter chase at Hereford on Monday, but went instead to Larkhill for the New Forest meeting. With Teresa Webber on board she had little difficulty in landing the odds in the ladies' race. The men's Open here went to Motor Bike Man, who has progressed successfully to this class since winning the Oakley Maiden Race for Mrs Anne Cockburn 10 weeks ago.

The saddest event of the weekend was the loss of Joey Newton's top-class hunter-chaser John Bunyan, who, when well clear of Corked after the last in the Fakenham hunter chase, slipped on the path which crosses the course and broke a shoulder.

Long trip pays for Mandrake Belle

John Lowe was the jockey in form at Redcar yesterday with a 16¼-1 double on Rotherfield Greys and Mandrake Belle. The latter had only 7st 7lb in the J and B Rare Scotch Whisky Sprint Handicap and made his long trip from Bagshot pay off with a smooth success from Bold Bob.

Mandrake Belle went ahead two furlongs from home and soon took command. Brian Gubby, his trainer, said that Mandrake Belle would probably reappear in the King and Brymer Trophy Handicap at the Epsom Derby meeting on June 7.

Rotherfield Grey's four-length victory in the John Lucas Maiden Stakes provided Chris Bell, the Malton trainer, with his first Flat winner. As Lowe jumped off the winner he said: "He should pick up a good class northern race."

Bell, who has 13 horses, said: "I could run him again at Haydock in eight days' time and he is entered for the Coventry, Norfolk and Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot. But we will have to see." The winner, who was always moving easily, cruised to the front approaching the final furlong and went away to win easily from Kepagi.

Another two-year-old on course for the Royal meeting is Durham Place. He was earmarked for the Windsor Castle Stakes long before he set foot on a racecourse did nothing to undermine the optimism of connections with a smooth all-the-way victory in the Woodhouse Eaves Maiden Stakes at Leicester.

His trainer, Kim Brassey, said: "The owner's family won the Windsor Castle 10 years ago with Streak, trained by John Sutcliffe senior, and they have always fancied a repeat. I thought that this could be the horse to do it. He comes from a sprinting family that included Song and King of Spain and cost 10,000 guineas. I thought he won very well despite looking about and running a bit green. He will improve a lot and is unlikely to run again before Ascot."

Stan Mellor's horses have struck form recently and Whiskey Eyes followed up his narrow Beverley win when scoring more emphatically from Humberside Lady and Belvoir Patrol in the Tote Credit Handicap. With the runner-up a 25-1 chance, the dual forecast paid over 340-1.

Mellor thinks Whiskey Eyes will be even more effective over a longer trip and the colt runs again at Bath next Monday when he tackles an extra three furlongs off the same handicap mark.

BRIGHTON

GOING: Good.

Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best.

2.0 CLAYTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,116: 7f) (8 runners)

1 42034-0 NOPHE (M Al Maktoum) H Thompson Jones 9-7 ..... A Murray 6
5 1240-40 ANYTHING ELSE (CD)(BF) (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-13 ..... P Cook 8
7 0022-02 NADIA NERINA (Shaikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-9 ..... B Rouse 2
9 0400-23 THE THRESHER (J Mullion) R Armstrong 8-5 ..... L Piggott 1
10 0001-0 BEE'S DANCE (Shaikh Mohammed) F Durr 8-5 ..... - 5
11 44-0100 CALIPH (V Advani) R Simpson 8-3 ..... J Reid 4
12 001-002 SHARP REMARK (D) (S Wong) B Hanbury 7-10 ..... M L Thomas 7
13 13-0000 JAMRA (Shaikh Rashid Al Khalifa) C Horgan 7-8 ..... A McGlone 3
1983: Ballad Island 8-3 B Raymond (5-2 fav) M Jarvis, 13 ran.

5-2 The Thresher, 4 Nadia Nerina, 9-2 Caliph, Anything Else, 6 Nophe, 7 Sharp Remark, 10 Bee's Dance, 16 Jamra.

FORM: NOPHE (9-7) weakened 2f out when 6½l 8th of 17 to Scarlet O'Harlot (8-9) at York (6f, £4,195, good to firm, May 16). ANYTHING ELSE (9-7) 6½l 6th, 3l behind JAMRA (8-8) 5th, to Gauhar (8-1) at Salisbury (7f, £2,378, firm, May 9, 11 ran. Previously, ANYTHING ELSE (8-2) 4½l 5th, promoted to 4th, to Bastille (8-3) at Sandown (8f, £8,870, good to firm, Apr 28, 12 ran). NADIA NERINA (8-11) hd 2nd to Linos (8-11) at Chester (7f, £3,590, good to firm, May 9, 12 ran). THE THRESHER (8-4) 1½l 3rd of 13 to Really Honest (9-5) at Goodwood (6f, £3,553, good to soft, May 22). BEES DANCE (8-8) 9th of 19 to Lily Bank (7-11) at Windsor (6f, £2,401, good, May 14). CALIPH (8-9) 7th, btn 8l, to Novello (8-9) at Newbury (6f, £6,794, good, May 18, 10 ran). SHARP REMARK (9-7) 1½l 2nd to Camden Lad (8-10) at Hamilton (6f, £2,219, firm, May 11, 9 ran).
Selection: CALIPH.

Brighton selections

By Mandarin

2.0 The Thresher. 2.30 DIMANT BLANCHE (nap). 3.0 Saxham Breck. 3.30 Meziara. 4.0 Garden Route. 4.30 Love Walked In.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 The Thresher. 2.30 Stoneydale. 3.0 Saxham Breck. 4.0 Garden Route. 4.30 Love Walked In.

2.30 KLIX DRINKS FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,699: 5f) (10)

1 AFRICAN MUSIC (P Wetzel) B Swift 8-8 ..... R Fox 3
2 BOLD GIFT (A Perry) G Lewis 8-8 ..... P Waldron 9
3 COURT JEWEL (W Mann) A Pitt 8-8 ..... B Rouse 2
4 04 DIMANT BLANCHE (Maktoum Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-8 ..... J Mercer 4
5 0 EMERALD PENDANT (Baroness H Thyssen) R Johnson Houghton 8-8 ..... S Cauthen 7
7 040 LADY WILDE (D O'Brien) R Hannon 8-8 ..... L Jones 7 6
9 34 MUSING (Mrs S Khan) B Swift 8-8 ..... J Reid 1
11 0 SILIFEROUS (P Nelson) G Hunter 8-8 ..... P Cook 10
12 STONEYDALE (J Cresswell) H Westbrook 8-8 ..... M Miller 8
13 00 TAVISGROVE (Mrs J Skelton) B Stevens 8-8 ..... P Bloomfield 5 5
1983: Tennis Penny 8-8 S Cauthen (13-8) P Kelleway, 8 ran.

5-2 Musing, 7-2 Bold Gift, 9-2 Dimant Blanche, 5 African Music, 6 Siliferous, 8 Lady Wilde, 12 Emerald Pendant, 16 others.

FORM: DIMANT BLANCHE (8-8) 2½l 4th to Sorayah (8-8) with Lady Wilde (8-8) 3l away in 6th (Windsor, 5f, £1,517, good, May 14, 15 ran). EMERALD PENDANT (8-8) 8½l 7th of 8 to Cameroun (9-0) at Newbury (5f, £2,515, good, May 19). MUSING (8-8) 5l 4th to Single Love (8-8) at Goodwood (5f, £2,243, good, May 23, 6 ran). SILIFEROUS (8-11) 9½l 6th to Al Sylah (8-11) at Nottingham (5f, £992, firm, May 1, 14 ran).
Selection: DIMANT BLANCHE.

3.0 FLANAGAN AND ALLEN HANDICAP (£2,506: 6f) (11)

1 222-030 SAXHAM BRECK (CD)(BF) (Ld Jermyn) F Durr 4-9-12 ..... R Cochrane 10
3 000-20 FLEET BAY (D)(B) (S Squires) K Brassey 4-9-4 ..... G Sexton 4
5 4200-00 LA PERRICHOLI (D) (E Johnson) M Tompkins 4-8-13 ..... R Curant 11
6 009040- SONGFROID (D Miller) H Westbrook 4-8-12 ..... M Miller 3
7 001-320 HEATHER CROFT (C,D)(BF) (J Norman) R Hannon 4-8-7 ..... A McGlone 8
8 0300-00 SPANISH POINT (CD)(B) (Mrs E Bays) D Sasse 5-8-6 ..... D McKay 6
9 3002-00 ORYX MINOR (R Trumper) S Mellor 4-8-4 ..... M Wigham 7
11 00100-0 LADY CLEMENTINE (B) (D Hunnisett) B Swift 4-8-1 ..... - 1
13 400-000 LORD SCRAP (CD) (B Swift) B Swift 8-7-10 ..... M L Thomas 9
14 0000-00 STEEL PASS (CD) (M Usher) M Usher 6-7-7 ..... R Still 5
16 000004- HAVEN BLESSED (Tendermeat Ltd) C Nelson 4-7-7 ..... B Crossley 2
1983: Spanish Point 4-7-9 D McKay (20-1) D Sasse, 14 ran.

11-4 Heather Croft, 7-2 Saxham Breck, 5 Lady Clementine, 6 Fleet Bay, 7 Spanish Point, 8 Oryx Minor, 10 La Perricholi, 12 Lord Scrap, 16 others.

FORM: SAXHAM BRECK (9-10) 5½l 9th of 13 to Welsh Noble (7-8) with LA PERRICHOLI (8-12) 11th (Pontefract, 6f, £2,695, firm, May 14). FLEET BAY outpaced over 5f at Epsom behind Spark Chief; previously, (9-8) 1l 2nd to Schula (9-5) at Folkestone (5f, £1,073, soft, Mar 26, 16 ran). SONGFROID (8-11) made no show behind Ameghino (9-6) at Goodwood (6f, £2,082, good, Sep 28, 11 ran). HEATHER CROFT (7-13) out of first 10 to Deputy Head (9-4) at Newbury (6f, £4,246, good, May 19, 18 ran). SPANISH POINT (9-11) no show behind Al Amead (8-7) at Lingfield (6f, £2,049, good, May 11, 24 ran). ORYX MINOR (8-13), LADY CLEMENTINE (8-10) and LORD SCRAP (8-5) all unplaced in same race. HAVEN BLESSED (7-9) 2l 4th to SAXHAM BRECK (8-13) over course and distance (£1,586, good to soft, Sep 15, 14 ran) with LADY CLEMENTINE (8-4) unplaced.
Selection: SAXHAM BRECK.

3.30 SEAFORD SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £880: 1m) (13)

1 0-00000 BARNABY GRANDE (G Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 9-0 ..... - 5
3 040-000 HALL'S PRINCE (B) (K Parris) G Balding 9-0 ..... T Quinn 3 4
4 000-02 MEZIARA (B) (G Chagoury) A Ingham 9-0 ..... L Piggott 1
5 000-000 PEANDAY (B Boardman) H Beasley 9-0 ..... G Saxton 11
6 000-000 PEARL KING (B) (T Cunningham) R Hannon 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 10
8 00-0000 SPICE MARKET (B) (Mrs O Lusty) S Matthews 9-0 ..... B Jago 9
9 000-0 SUMMER STOP (Dr D Davis) D Elsworth 9-0 ..... B Rouse 2
12 0040-00 JAMEENA (R Shirley) R Howe 8-11 ..... - 13
13 000-0 LADY ABINGER (Mrs M Padfield) H O'Neill 8-11 ..... P Payne 7 8
14 410-000 MONDOODLE (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-11 ..... N Howe 7
15 00000-0 WASHBURN FLYER (L Tomlin) J Holt 8-11 ..... P Waldron 6
16 00300-0 WHEELWRIGHTS LADY (G Carling) M Haynes 8-11 ..... - 3
17 00000- WOLVER PLUME (B Taylor) Peter Taylor 8-11 ..... - 12
1983: Jendor 8-11 J Mercer (evens fav) R Hannon, 15 ran.

2 Meziara, 100-30 Peanday, 5 Summer Stop, 6 Pearl King, 8 Spice Market, 9 Mondoodle, 10 Jameena, 16 others.

FORM: MEZIARA (8-7) 3l 2nd, JAMEENA (8-4) 7th and NBARNABY GRAND (8-7 8th of 14 in seller over course and distance (993, good to firm, May 16). PEANDAY (8-12) weakened 2f out in 15 runner handicap here (6f, £1778, good to firm, May 16). SUMMER STOP (9-2) and SOICE MARKET (8-11) unplaced behind Lady Liza (8-7) in 20-runner selling h'cap (Windsor, 8f £996, good, May 1). MONDOODLE 10th (8-1) in selling nursery to Miami Prince (9-7) last time; previously (8-5) bt JAMEENA (8-8) ½l in 6f seller here (£1,806), firm, June 20, 11 ran.
Selection: SUMMER STOP.

4.0 CHANNEL HANDICAP (£2,565: 1m 2f) (13)

3 103-001 GARDEN ROUTE (D) (J Hayter) F Durr 4-9-12 (5 ex) ..... G Starkey 4
4 400-400 REDDEN (CD) (K Evgeniou) B Swift 6-9-7 ..... J Mercer 3
5 040-300 HIMORRE (K Higson) A Moore 5-9-4 ..... B Rouse 12
6 010-020 WESTGATE STAR (G Harwood) G Harwood 5-8-10 ..... P Mose 7 10
7 0-00000 BERTHA (D) (M Berger) R Baker 4-8-8 ..... J Reid 13
8 220-040 LUCKY ORPHAN (B) (N Poole) R Boss 4-8-5 ..... L Piggott 1
10 3204-00 PROFIT WARRANT (D) (M Heinimann) Pat Mitchell 5-8-2 ..... P Bradwell 9
11 3000-00 MASKELL GOLD (Mrs M Padfield) H O'Neill 4-8-1 ..... R Fox 11
12 0000-20 RANT AND RAVE (Miss N Thesiger) J Jenkins 4-8-0 ..... T Williams 5 5
13 243-424 KAUKAS (CD) (Hitchcock Enterprises) G Balding 5-8-0 ..... T Quinn 3 8
14 0404-12 STYLISH MOVER (Burton & Smith) B Stevens 5-7-12 ..... P Bloomfield 5 7
15 1000-24 FAST SERVICE (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 5-7-11 ..... - 6
16 00114-0 CALISOLON (D) (G Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 10-7-10 ..... - 2
1983: Lady Kamina 4-8-0 N Dawe (7-1) P Haynes, 22 ran.

3 Garden Route, 4 Westgate Star, 5 Stylish Mover, 7 Redden, 8 Rant And Rave, 9 Lucky Orphan, 12 Himorre, Fast Service, 14 Kaukas, 16 others.

FORM: GARDEN ROUTE (8-11) bt Alewir (9-6) 1½l (Pontefract, 1m 2f, £1,853, good to firm, May 25, 7 ran). WESTGATE STAR (8-6) 8l 6th to Hawkley (9-7) with LUCKY ORPHAN (8-6) out of first 10. Previously, WESTGATE STAR hd 2nd to Rio Deva (8-6) at Leicester (1m 2f, £2,226, good to firm, Apr 28, 19 ran) with LUCKY ORPHAN (9-0) 2l away 4th. STYLISH MOVER (8-0) 1l 2nd to Worlingfoot (9-1) at Yarmouth (1m 2f, £1,971, good to firm, May 21, 13 ran). FAST SERVICE (7-9) 6½l 4th to Tagio (8-3) at Warwick (1m, £2,660, good May 7, 16 ran.
Selection: WESTGATE STAR.

4.30 REGENCY MAIDEN STAKES (£956: 1m 4f) (20)

2 0-00 CHARTFIELD (S Tindall) S Mellor 4-8-6 ..... M Wigham 14
3 0/003 CROONING BERRY (Mrs J Matthews) S Matthews 5-9-8 ..... B Jago 7
6 0/00000 NO HACK (F Crouch) A Moore 5-8-8 ..... A Clark 2
9 2022-00 WATERHEAD (B) (J Galvanoni) D Oughton 4-8-8 ..... A Murray 1
11 00/ AMILLE (Miss J Carter) G Balding 4-8-5 ..... W Higgins 4
13 MISTRESS RAFFLES (Mrs A Mills) D Mills 4-8-5 ..... R Still 17
15 40-0003 ACERCATE (B) (Mrs A Mulnos) M Francis 3-8-5 ..... Paul Eddery 10
18 00 ASPRO ASTRO (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 3-8-5 ..... P Robinson 18
19 4240-30 CROWN EAGLE (A Bingley) D Elsworth 3-8-5 ..... S Cauthen 13
20 000-034 EWELL PLACE (T Mills) A Ingham 3-8-5 ..... L Piggott 6
21 JET RUN (Frau W Richter) F Durr 3-8-5 ..... - 8
22 0004-42 LOVE WALKED IN (R Bott) J Winter 3-8-5 ..... P Hamblett 12
24 40000- ORRAVAN (Mrs M Collinson) P Butler 3-8-5 ..... P Bloomfield 5 3
25 440-00 PREDOMINATE (K Abdulla) R Smyth 3-8-5 ..... P Waldron 9
26 03- RIBOBURG (Mrs M Newton) J Dunlop, 3-8-5 ..... N Dawe 5 11
27 3 R U WITH ME (Mrs H Price) D Oughton 3-8-5 ..... B Rouse 15
29 0-00 STOCKSIGN (B) (Mrs S Bidwell) G Hunter 3-8-5 ..... T Rogers 5
32 0 ALIGNED (J Heyworth) H Candy 3-8-2 ..... R Curant 19
34 00 MY DITTY (Mrs A Upsdell) D Weeden 3-8-2 ..... M Miller 20
36 00600 VICEROY LASS (F Broom) R Hannon 3-8-2 ..... R Wernham 16
1983: (Div I) Secret Ballot 9-9-8 R Curant (5-1) A Turnell, 12 ran. (Div II) Going Broke 3-8-5 J Reid (14-1) P Cole, 12 ran.

11-4 Love Walked In, 100-30 Ewell Place, 4 Crown Eagle, 7 R U With Me, 8 Riboburg, 10 Waterhead, Aligned, 14 others.

Worcester

GOING: Chase course, good; hurdles, good to firm

2.15 TULIP NOVICES' SELLING HURDLE (4-y-o: £466: 2m) (8 runners)

2 821 Pepperwood (B) 11-0 ..... R Pusey 7
3 p34 Philips Hussar 11-0 ..... R Arnott 7
5 0p2 Flori Wonder 10-9 ..... R Atkins
6 0f1 Patsy Pennall 10-9 ..... C Smith
7 000 Bay Falls (B) 10-7 ..... J Akehurst
8 043 Hester Max (B) 10-7 ..... B Powell 4
10 008 Palisades 10-2 ..... G Charles-Jones 7
12 0p0 Roman A Ciel (B) 10-2 ..... C Gray

13-8 Pepperwood, 3 Patsy Pennall, 7-2 Philips Hussar, 6 Flori Wonder.

2.45 BLUEBELL NOVICES' CHASE (£1,161: 2m) (7)

2 318 Migrator 8-11-10 ..... R Linley
3 128 Chelsea Island 9-11-5 ..... J Burke
5 221 Lutav 6-11-5 ..... P Scudamore
10 f00 Gallyns 7-11-0 ..... R Hoare
14 ppu Watchet 6-11-0 ..... E Waite
19 004 Wealthy 6-10-9 ..... Mr M Low 4
21 000 Space Speaker 5-10-3 ..... B Crank

Evens Lutav, 6-4 Migrator, 8 Wealthy, 12 Chelsea Island.

3.15 DAFFODIL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,367: 2m 4f) (10)

2 pp4 Gilded Gold (B) 8-12-4 ..... R Linley
3 283 Fillets Farm 10-11-13 ..... Mr R Dunwoody 4
5 p1-18 Space Bridge 10-11-11 ..... C Warren 7
9 002 Sunlit River (B) 7-11-2 ..... Mr D Pitcher
11 121 Clonsen King 9-10-11 (5 ex) ..... P Warner
14 440 Another Nitty 10-10-6 ..... R Mann
15 p18 Take Flight 10-10-3 ..... J Bryan
16 002 Lloyd Adam 11-10-1 ..... C Mann
17 000 Devil's Brig 13-10-1 ..... A Webber
19 p4p Rose Lee (B) 10-10-0 ..... -

2 Clonsen King, 7-2 Fillets Farm, Space Bridge, 13-2 Sunlit River

3.45 CORAL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,337: 2m 4f) (6)

1 044 Jungle Jim 6-12-0 ..... P Scudamore
4 112 Welsh Display 7-11-7 ..... B Powell 4
12 23-1 The Irish Rhine 8-10-0 ..... Steve Knight
13 800 Rbot Star 5-10-0 ..... S Moore 4
15 048 Tournfong 10-10-0 ..... P Finch 7
16 244 Rockfield Boy 7-10-0 ..... -

15-8 Welsh Display, 9-4 Jungle Jim, 7-2 The Irish Rhine, 5 Rockfield Boy.

4.15 HONEYSUCKLE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,467: 3m) (11)

8 p0u Ridan Tower 9-11-7 ..... Lorna Vincent
9 d-00 Ivory Thrust 10-11-5 ..... C Mann
10 2p4 Ambrement 11-11-4 ..... A Carroll
11 u28 Brave Jack (B) 8-11-13 ..... S Morshead
14 204 Marchant 12-10-12 ..... -
16 pf3 Saffron Prince 8-10-10 ..... R Goldstein
19 310 No Retreat 12-10-6 ..... A Webber
20 032 Flash Harry 11-10-8 ..... C Smith
24 069 Trusty Catcher 8-10-1 ..... P Scudamore
26 0-30 King Ross 15-10-0 ..... Mr B Adams
27 0px Poor Excuse 9-10-0 ..... B Powell 4

5-2 Brave Jack, 3 Marchant, 3 Ambrement, 11-2 No Retreat.

4.45 SNOWDROP NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,256: 2m 2f) (17)

2 p14 Crimson Knight 5-11-10 ..... S Smith Eccles
4 4p1 Charlemount 7-11-9 (7 ex) ..... N Hunter 7
5 024 Celtic Bell 6-11-8 ..... NON-RUNNER
7 283 Picelas 6-11-4 ..... Mr M Bosley 7
8 021 Archers Prince 6-11-4 (7 ex) ..... A Webber
9 301 Kohinoor Diamond 4-11-3 ..... A Webb
10 /4-03 Cantaloupe 9-11-3 ..... G Jones
12 022 No Flake 4-11-2 ..... C Smith
13 000 Norfolk Stone (B) 6-11-2 ..... T Gibson 7
15 401 Knightsbridge Game 5-11-0 ..... Steve Knight
17 183 Incandesce 5-10-12 ..... S O'Neill
18 032 Princely Lad 6-10-12 ..... P Scudamore
19 282 Hard Bargain 6-10-9 ..... G McCourt
22 310 Rainbow Springs 4-10-5 ..... B Powell 4
24 0f0 Bela Vae 11-10-2 ..... J O'Neill
25 4-p6 Royal Rapriove 6-10-0 ..... W Morris 4
26 002 Tarmon Buck 7-10-0 ..... R Atkins

4 Kohinoor Diamond, 5 Charlemount, 11-2 Archers Prince, Crimson Knight, 7 Princely Lad.

SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.15 Pepperwood. 2.45 Migrator. 3.15 Fillets Farm. 3.45 Welsh Display. 4.15 Brave Jack. 4.45 Hard Bargain.

Leicester results

Going: good

2.00 (5f) 1, DURHAM PLACE (T Ives, 4-6 fav); 2, Mac's Reef (M Fozzard, 5-1); 3, Saloum (R Cochrane, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Knockglas (4th), 10 Oxhey Bay (6th), 25 Charlie Burton, Tricanco, 33 Cranmore, Gwilim Enterprise, Ilovo, Wesbree Bay (5th), Concert Melody. 12 ran. 3l, 2½l, 3l, ¾l, 2l. K Brassey at Lambourn. TOTE: £1.90, £1.10, £1.20, £2.40. DF: £3.70. CSF: £5.03.

2.30 (6f) 1, AIR STRIKE (P Bloomfield, 11-2); 2, Judy's Dowry (G Baxter, 7-4 fav); 3, Greek Banker (P Waldron, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Fair Emma (5th), 8 Bastions Lady, 14 Gold Toby (6th), 25 Little Wizard, Skiathos (4th), Annie Oka. 9 ran. NR: Anse Chastanet. 5l, 2½l, 1l, 3l. B Stevens at Bramley. TOTE: £5.70; £1.40, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £6.40. CSF: £15.75. Bought in for 3,400 guineas.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, WHISKEY EYES (M Wigham, 11-2); 2, Humberside Lady (G Carter, 25-1); 3, Belvoir Patrol (A Mackay, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3 it-fav My Tootsie (4th), Faridpour, 10 Huapango, Penny's Double, 16 Trouvere (6th), 25 Jenny Wylie, The Bossman, Its the Best (5th), Lawnswood Avenger. 12 ran. 2½, 12l, sh hd, 1½l, 3l. S Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: £5.40; £2.00, £6.50 £11.40. DF: £305.60. CSF: £113.08. Tricast: £1,617.58.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1, THE FRIEND (T Heller, 11-1); 2, Tour de Force (G Baxter, 20-1); 3, Kitty Come Home (M Miller, 10-1); 4, Sir Humphrey (R Fox, 9-2). Also Ran: 6-4 fav Malek, 9 Royal Brigadier, Steel Ventura, 12 Nashaab, 16 Alfie Dickins, Ridgefield, 20 Icen, Sir Lucky, 25 Swift Turtle (6th), Tropical Mist, 33 B Jaski, 100 Rhein Court (5th). 16 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 5l, 3l, ¾l. I Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £12.40; £1.70, £6.20, £2.20, £1.30. DF: £161.00. CSF: £209.51. Tricast: £2,099.77.

4.0 (6f) 1, KILLYCURRA (C Allen, 13-2); 2, Far Too Young (R Curant, 13-2); 3, Sajeda (T Ives, 5-2fav). Also Ran: 7-2 Fair Test (4th), 11-2 Quaver (5th), 7 Rosana Park, 8 Lafa, 40 Green Gypsy, Beryls Dream, Dominion Blue, Ethel Knight, Lady of Shona (6th), Star Route. 13 ran. 2½l, nk, 3l, 1½l, 4l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £13.20; £3.50, £2.30, £1.20. DF: £43.80. CSF: £47.15.

4.30 (7f) 1, TOCAVE (Paul Eddery, 1-3); 2, Gauhar (N Adams, 7-1); 3, Fifty Ould Short (R Cochrane, 50-1). Also Ran: 20 Dick Knight, 25 King's Knight (6th), Honours Of War, 33 Woodpecker Boy, 50 Allgate, Blue Luna, Eastlea Court, Follow That Cab (4th), Little Newington (5th), Minstrels Shoe, Mohar, Red Vanity. 15 ran. NR: Serraj. ¾l, 4l, 1½l, ¾l, 2l. I Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.60, £3.30. DF: £2.40, CSF: £3.02.
Placepot: £22.40.

Stan Mellor: victory with Whiskey Eyes

Point-to-point results

NEW FOREST: Hunt: Mister Ketchup. Adj: Pine Gypsy. L. Op: White Paper. Op: Motor Bike Man. Mdn: Buckhorn. R. Op: Eight Ball.
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE: Hunt: Benly Boy (w/o). Adj: Some Problem. Op: Cool Kanda. BEF: Dergret. L. Op: Swarm. Mdn: Sidewinder.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Harwood 24 wins from 99 runners, 24.2%; J Dunlop 31 from 167, 18.6%; J Winter 12 from 75, 16%.
JOCKEYS: P Cook 21 wins from 127 rides, 16.5%; J Mercer 19 from 117, 16.2%; J Matthias 15 from 117, 12.8%.

Redcar results

2.15 (1m 1f) 1, DONNYSNOOKERCENTRE (E Guest, 7-2); 2, Trengale (N Connorton, 8-1); 3, Kalachance (S Webster, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Glenn's Slipper, 6 Palace Rocket (5th), 7 Lady Hickleton (4th), 10 Esker House (6th), 20 Get Wise. 8 ran. NR: Farmile Gambler. 5l, 1l, ¾l, 3. E Weymes at Leyburn. TOTE: £4.30; £1.50, £3.10, £2.00. DF: £24.80. CSF: £29.12. Bought in for 5,800 guineas.

2.45 (6f) 1, ROTHERFIELD GREYS (J Lowe, 6-4 fav); 2, Kepagi (W Wharton, 12-1); 3, King's Badge (R P Elliott, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Decartes (6th), 8 Delaware River, 10 Abtasure, 12 Penzance Pirate, 14 Abrasive (5th), Chor Bazar, Fairstead Boy, Manhattan Boy, 25 My Dominion, Roybrook, Say Gunner, Sporting Pink, Vickstown (4th), Crafty Potter, Go Gipsy, Telephone Book. 19 ran. 4l, ½l, 1½l, ¾l, 1l. A Bell at Malton. TOTE: £2.60, £1.30, £2.60, £4.10. DF: £11.30. CSF: £23.08.

3.15 (5f) 1, MANDRAKE BELLE (J Lowe, 6-1, jt-fav); 2, Bold Bob (G Sexton, 7-1); 3, Rambling River (E Hide, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 jt-fav Celtic Bird (5th), 8 Pergoda (6th), Tobermory Boy, 12 Fairgreen, Durandal, Spacemaker Boy, 14 Bri-Eden, 16 Ferriby Hall, 20 Dream Again (4th), King Charlemagne, 25 Burbridge Dancer. 14 ran: NR: Form Master. 1½l, 1½l, sh hd, hd, ½. B Gubby, at Bagshot. TOTE: £10.70, £2.50, £2.30, £2.10. DF: £19.30. CSF: £44.91. Tricast: £313.56.

3.45 (1m 4f). 1, CLAUDIUS CROZET (Maxine Carvalho, 2-1); 2, Line Of Fortune (Mr R Smith, 7-4 fav); 3, Excavator Lady (Mr F Hines, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Jamestino (5th), 12 Tinoco, 14 Hyde (4th), 33 Jendor, Millondollarman, 50 Mobile, Native Law, Hagen's Bargain, Provanhill Girl. 12 ran. NR: Misty Hal. 6l, 8l, hd, 2½l, 8l. G Huffer at Newmarket. TOTE: £3.90; £1.30, £1.10, £4.20. DF: £4.50. CSF: £5.58.

4.15 (1m3f). 1, NOUREEZ (K Darley, 14-1); 2, Tiwedda (R Hills, Evens fav); 3, Joseph's Coat (G Saxton, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Karuba, 10 Juliette Mariner (6th), 12 Oaken (4th), 14 Calypso Queen, 16 Just Quail (5th), 20 Bruallad, 25 Berry Vale, Hall Shaft, Joca, Patti's Sister, Penitrait, Pueblo, Record Red. 16 ran. NR: Pipe Of Peace. 1½l, 3l, 3l, ½l, 1½l. R Johnson Houghton at Didcot. TOTE: £17.20; £4.60, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £20.10. CSF: £30.88.

4.45 (1m) 1, ROMAN QUEST (E Hide, 5-1); 2, Teejay (N Connorton, 10-1); 3, Late Hour (S Perks, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Ritartu (5th, 6 Native Spell (4th, 12 Rockbaurgh, Magic, Carriage Way, 14 Aba Nabeem (6th), Natina-May, 16 Bit Of A State, Ototo, Rossett, 33 Valorosa. 14 ran. Nk, 1½l, 1½l, nk, 5. P Rohan at Malton. TOTE: £4.90; £1.70, £2.60, £1.70. DF: £62.10. CSF: £55.66. Tricast: £210.57.
Placepot £34.20.

Chepstow

Going: good to firm

1.30 (1m 2f): 1, Trois Vallees (W R Swinburn, 11-10 fav); 2, Park Parade (6-1); 3, Fishpond (5-1). 2½l, 2l. 15 ran. M Stoute. TOTE: 2.50, £1.50, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £3.70. CSF: £8.49.

2.0 (5f): 1, Hopi (J Reid, 2-1 fav); 2, Racing City (9-2); 3, She Knows It All (4-1). 2l, ½l. 8 ran. NR: Bootle Jack. Mrs C Reavey. TOTE: £2.18; £1.10, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £4.00. CSF: £10.72.

2.30 (1m 2f): 1, Rummanne (W R Swinburn, 3-1 fav); 2, Miss Puddleduck (7-2); 3, Lady Capilano (6-1). 1½l, 4l. 14 ran. M Stoute. TOTE: £3.90, £1.50, £1.30, £2.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £15.05.

3.0 (6f): 1, Jack Tar (P Cook, 5-1); 2, Maazi (9-4 fav); 3, Philstar (9-1). Nk, 2½l. 8 ran. K Brassey. TOTE: £7.20; £1.90, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £17.00. CSF: £16.67.

3.30 (2m): 1, Knight's Heir (A McGlone, 6-1); 2, Favourite Nephew (7-2); 3, Pousdale-Tachytees (20-1) 4, Acton Time (8-1). Strathconon 3-1 fav. 2l, 2½l. 16 ran. D Arbuthnot. TOTE: £8.60; £1.40, £1.40, £5.50, £1.00. DF: £12.90. CSF: £28.29. Tricast: £380.62.

4.0 (1m 4f): 1, Cashmoor (A McGlone, 20.1); 2, Pit Your Wits (10-1); 3, Leodegrance (6-1); 4, Star Burst (16-1). Steal A Glance 4-1 fav. Nk, 3l. 19 ran. R Baker. TOTE: £38.10; £6.40, £1.80, £2.40, £3.50. DF: £421.70. CSF: £221.25. Tricast: £1,259.40.

4.30 (5f): 1, Tachyon Park (B Jago, 15-8 fav); 2, Intrepid Lad (11-2); 3, Silent Flutter (7-2). 1½l, ½l. 9 ran. S Matthews. TOTE: £4.40; £1.50, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £10.40. CSF: £12.22.

5.0 (1m 2f): 1, Red Hill Girl (B Taylor, 9-4 fav); 2, Nashwah (4-1); 3, Blue Waters (16-1). 1l, 1½l. 13 ran. J Bethell. TOTE: £2.10; £1.20, £1.70, £3.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £9.98. Divine Sarah (8-1) withdrawn. Rule 4 applies to all bets. Deduct 10p in £.
PLACEPOT: £19.25.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 4f hdle): 1, Cape Mandy (P Richards, evens fav); 2, Marluan (11-2); 3, Flyback (40-1). 7l, 15l. 7 ran. R Holder. TOTE: £1.90; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.20.

2.45 (3m 2f chase): 1, Spartan Daisy (S Smith Eccles, evens fav); 2, Bronwyn (11-8); 3, Charley Fisher (6-1). 15l, 25l. 3 ran. Nr Ballywalt, Lucky Vintage. N Henderson. TOTE: £1.70. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.48.

3.15 (2m 4f chase): 1, Anointed (A Webber, 5-2); 2, Velseo (4-1); 3, Comedian (2-1 fav). 6l 8l. 6 ran. P Bevan. TOTE: £2.50; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £11.03.

3.45 (2m 4f ch): 1, Counterlose (Mr J Sharp, 7-2); 2, Ridgeman (14-1); 3, Master Beau (13-8 fav). 1½l, 15l. 10 ran. J Docker. TOTE: £3.90; £1.20, £3.10, £1.60. DF: £74.80, CSF: £42.29.

4.15 (2m 4f hdle): 1, Russell Up (R Crank, 3-1); 2, Pohjola (6-1); 3, Notre Cheval (8-1). Rockfield Boy 2-1 fav. ½l 3l. 7 ran. R Perkins. TOTE: £2.50; £1.50, £2.40. DF: £8.30. CSF: £18.76.

4.45 (2m 1f hdle): 1, Easterly Gael (J J O'Neill 1-2 fav); 2, March Spark (13-2); 3, Hypnotherapist (20-1). 4l, 6l. 7 ran. Nr: Ruby And Sapphire. J Jenkins. TOTE: £1.40; £1.40, £2.50. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.10. PLACEPOT: £9.10.

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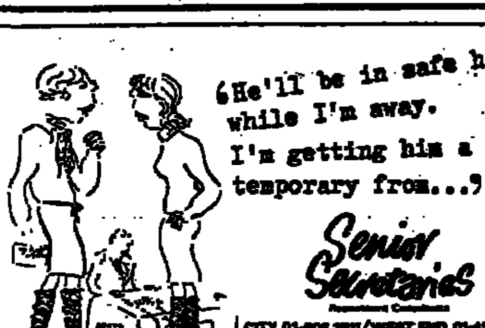
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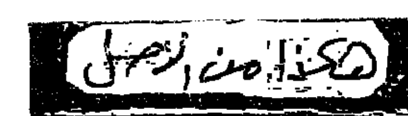
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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Top of the cliff or top of the market in the Algarve sun

By Diana Wildman

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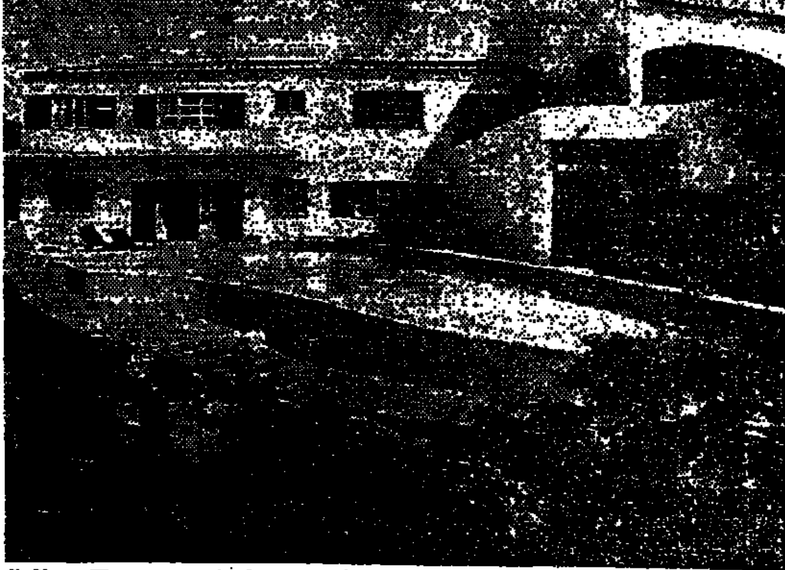
The managing director, Jennie Pinder, explained that by forming a contractual association with Michael Hawtin, director of the Lagoa-based company, Algarve Marketing, she can offer potential purchasers a complete sales and after-sales package which includes conveyancing and legal services, money transfer facilities, insurance, management and letting.

In addition a range of mortgage schemes is available to clients through Winkworth Financial Services, (25a Motcomb Street, London SWIX 8JU) who advise on the most beneficial method of mortgage repayment. Under normal circumstances Winkworth should come up with an offer of advance within three weeks.

Now on Euro Property Advisers' books is a selection of resale properties close to Armaceo de Pera at Vilalara, a coastal development of pink-washed villas and apartments set in mature gardens linked by cobbled pathways. One of these is the five-bedroom, four-bathroom home of Lord Duncan-Sandys, which is on the market for £250,000.

The villa, complete with covered terrace, does have unsurpassed views with private cliff-top frontage, but the main reason for its high price is that present legislation forbids any building construction less than 200 metres from the edge of the sea, thus putting a premium on houses built before the ruling. This villa is one.

On the same estate, an eight-bedroom house, set back from the sea, is for sale at £130,000, illustrating the effect position has on price. Service charges at Vilalara are fairly high, averaging £1,000, but this Swiss-owned complex is efficiently and securely run, the gardens are immaculate, and facilities include tennis courts, swimming pool and private restaurant and bar.



Julian Tennant, chairman of Daphne's Restaurant in Chelsea, is selling this six-bedroom, six-bathroom cliff-top villa, Vivenda Miranda, near Lagoa on Portugal's Algarve. It is set in two and a half acres, and has covered terraces, swimming pool, garages and staff cottage. Euro Property Advisers is inviting offers around £350,000.

Purchasing a plot of land and having a villa built makes financial sense as the SISA is then payable on the plot only. Situated at a height of 1,000ft in the foothills of the Monchique mountain range near the old spa town of Caldas de Monchique is the 82 acre Montinho do Monchique, wooded residential estate containing 65 half-acre building plots, of which 25 are still for sale at prices ranging from £12,000 to £15,000.

Jennie Pinder advises would-be purchasers to allow a year from choosing a site to moving into the completed villa. "A three-bedroom house, with terracing, gardens and a swiming pool costs from £70,000 in addition to the land costs," she said.

Details: Jennie Pinder, Euro Property Advisers Ltd, 27a New Street, Salisbury SP1 2PH. Tel: 0722 330847.

Apartments with two sea views

The area around Alicante on Spain's Costa Blanca is gaining in popularity with the British market. Property prices here are low, in some cases less than half a comparable unit in sophisticated, sought-after Marbella on the Costa del Sol. Alicante itself is a smart, prosperous city with side streets, excellent shops, good restaurants and a thriving marina.

Spanish purchasing costs are around 8 per cent of the purchase price, which includes the legal registration of the *escritura*, or title deed in the local public notary's office.

Azure Developments is the British agent for Gran Alacant, a vast 2,000-acre estate six kilometres south of Alicante airport, and 12 from the city's centre. The company, Gran Alacant SA, is wholly owned by Banco Exterior de España, which has subsidiary banks all over the world including its British head office at 60 London Wall, London EC2.

The first phase at Gran Alacant, due for completion by July, consists of 353 apartments in two low rise cliff-top blocks, all with double aspect views both up the coast to Alicante, and south over sandy bays and out to sea. Some 200 of these are for sale at exceptionally reasonable prices.

All the apartments have an open-plan living area with a small, fully fitted kitchen and terrace, while the three and four-bedroom units have two and three terraces respectively. The former has a small balcony leading off the kitchen, and the latter an extra terrace opening from the master bedroom. The double bedrooms all have fitted wardrobes but only the four-bedroom apartments have two bathrooms.

Prices range from £12,370 for one bedroom, £15,140 for two bedrooms, £18,380 for a three-bedroom unit to £26,600 for the large four-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments. Service charges are £200 a year, to include upkeep of the gardens, tennis courts and swimming pools, building and lift maintenance and insurance.

Details: Patrick Whitaker, Azure Developments Ltd, 26 Church Road West, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 6QG. Tel: 0252 543177.

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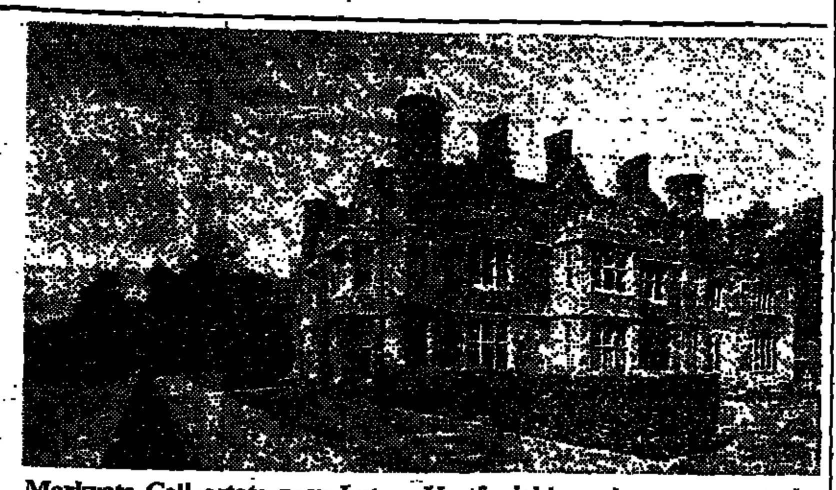
■ A single building plot in 64 acres on the outskirts of Chiddingfold, Surrey, is on offer at more than £100,000 through Cubitt and West's Godalming office. The estate has pasture, a stream and woodland, and the rare opportunity to build a house in such land comes because the previous dwelling was recently demolished by fire. There is planning permission for a house of about 2,000 square feet, to include a master bedroom suite, three further bedrooms and three reception rooms. The agent says that the site, at Whitehorn Cottage, is in a secluded rural position but accessible to the A3 and the station at Witley, while much of the surrounding countryside is owned by the National Trust.

■ **An exhibition of holiday, retirement and investment properties on Majorca and Menorca is at the Midland Hotel, Birmingham, today. Sponsored by the Balearics Association of Devlopers and Builders in conjunction with the Balearics Chamber of Commerce, the exhibition moves to the London Tara Hotel, Kensington, on June 1 and 2.**

■ If it achieves anywhere near the asking price of £200,000, Lansdowne, in Wellington Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, will become the most expensive house in the City's most exclusive suburb. Colliers Bigwood and Bewlay, who are selling the property, say that the previous highest price was £165,000. Lansdowne, a Grade II listed Regency house, is on the Calthorpe Estate and has recently been restored and modernized. According to Mark Kenchington, a partner in Colliers' Birmingham office and also chairman of the Calthorpe Residents Society, it is "possibly the finest house ever to come to the market in Edgbaston". The white painted stuccoed house has five bedrooms, three bathrooms, three reception rooms and basement recreation area and an ornamental pool in the landscaped garden.

■ **A four storey Victorian house in Fulham, once the home of the late author and artist Mervyn Peake, is for sale through Sturgis' Fulham office for £190,000. The house, in Drayton Gardens, London SW10, contains murals by Peake who illustrated books including *Alice in Wonderland* and *Treasure Island*, but is probably best known for his books *Titus Groan*, *Gormenghast* and *Titus Alone*.**

■ A property for sale on the river Stour in Dorset has the added attraction of an island to go with it. The River House, in the National Trust village of Shapwick near Blandford, has an asking price of £157,000 through Jackson and Jackson, of Lymington, Hants, and Arden and Partners, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.



Markyate Cell estate near Luton, Hertfordshire, whose name can be traced back to the twelfth century when the site was occupied by Roger, a monk of St Albans, has been sold to an overseas buyer privately through Humberts before the property came formally on to the market. The price has not been disclosed but its quick sale suggests that it went for close to the asking price of about £1m. Markyate Cell, one of the finest houses of its kind in Hertfordshire, was leased in 1530 to Humphrey Bourchier, who changed the old monastery to a stately manor house suitable for entertaining Henry VIII. One of its most notorious occupants was Lady Ferrers, who from a secret room rode out dressed as a man to pursue her activity as a highwaywoman, an episode recalled in the film *The Wicked Lady* with Margaret Lockwood.

Buying up the best

by Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The very best properties in central London, both houses and flats, are increasingly going to overseas buyers, according to the latest issue of Savills magazine, and it is causing a distortion in prices.

Looking at their sales in the last four years, Savills show that in 1980, 42 per cent went to a foreign purchaser, but by January 84 this had increased to 61.4 per cent overall and 70 per cent for flats.

A breakdown of the overall figure shows that UK buyers number 38.6 per cent, Europe 26.2 per cent, United States 19.3 per cent, the Middle and Far East 12.4 per cent and Africa 3.5 per cent.

This increasing interest from abroad has helped to create a wide gap in price rises in central London from as little as 25 per cent to well over 100 per cent – the differential occurring between poorly presented properties in unattractive residential locations and those in first class positions in outstanding decorative order.

Writing in the magazine, Victoria Mitchell, a Savills' partner, explains that the foreign interest has had the effect of creating a critical shortage of property "as virtually all foreign purchasers are new into the market with no property to release back into the pool".

In addition foreign buyers seem to be able to out-pay any possible UK purchaser if they find what they want, but they are no longer paying over the odds for a property as it was claimed that Arab buyers were doing in the mid to late 1970s.

Another factor is that the foreign buyer rarely has to buy. The purchase is usually made for investment and the property will be a second, third or fourth home, with other countries also under consideration for investment.

Savills' research shows that these foreign purchasers are divided evenly between those buying a property for occasional visits and those who will be based in London for a two to five-year period. "The latter tend, in the main, to be international bankers with low cost loans available to them, often equating to less than the cost of an equivalent rental and with the strong possibility of a substantial gain in the value of their property at the end of the day", Victoria Mitchell says.

Many of these purchasers go on to buy a country house and often base themselves permanently in Britain, with children at school here, commuting by air to their next appointment.

The increase in foreign interest since 1980, she believes, is the restoration of confidence in the Government and the apparent political and economic stability of the UK.

"Taking all these factors into consideration, we can see no fall-back in prices in the foreseeable future in central London. Indeed to the contrary, we anticipate a sustained and growing demand from both abroad and from within the UK for prime residential property principally as a sound means of investment but also, because foreigners seem genuinely to like living in London."

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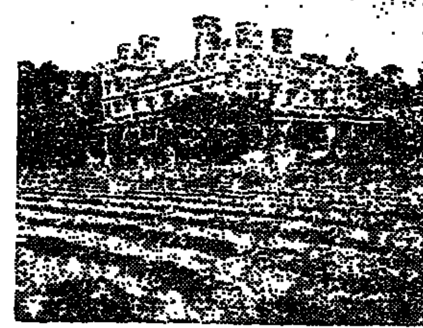
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BIRTHS

AARONSON – On May 15 to Denis and Lesley (née Young), a daughter, Sophie Francesca.

BODIE – On May 27th, at Portland Hospital to Sherrie and Anthony, a daughter (Lucinda).

CORBET BURCHER. – On May 18th in London to Alida, wife of Captain Andrew Corbet Burcher, a daughter.

COTTRELL.–On May 26th, 1984, to Maureen (née O'Sullivan) and Peter–a beautiful daughter (Victoria Anne Ellen).

COXON On 14th May to Bridget (nee Potter) a son Robert Jeremy Christopher, a brother for Helen.

CRAVEN.–On May 25th, to Jane and John–a son (Thomas)

DOBLE – On 9th May to Kelvin & Sue gods gift of a son James Mark Kelvin at Gloucester maternity hospital.

ELLIS – On 28th May at Addenbrooke's Hospital, to Marie (nee McLeod) and Peter – a son (Richard)

FAWCETT.–On Mayb 24th to Hilary (nee Sherwood) and Derek, a daughter (Joanna May).

de MARE.–On May 22, to Victoria (née Kay) and Giles–a daughter (Florence Alexandra), a sister for Alice and Chloe.

GRANT. – On 28th May at Westminster Hospital to Jenny (nee Nibbs) and David, a son, Timothy David Nibbs.

HANSON. – On May 26th at Stepping Hill, Stockport, to Mike and Lucianne – a daughter (Ruth Emily).

HAY. – On May 25, to Virginia and Andrew – a son.

HEWLETT. – On May 26, 1984, to Big-Shyuan (Mary) (née Saw) and Anthony – a daughter, Cecily Claire.

KENNEDY – On May 21st, to Anne (nee Skrender) and David, a son (Ralph George Wynn), a brother for Alexandra.

LEACH. – On May 22nd at Willimantic, Connecticut to Penny (nee Thompson) & Dr Stephen Leach a son – William brother for Edward.

NOBLE. – On May 26, to Christopher and Catherine (née Woodhouse) of Hurworth on Tees, Darlington – a beautiful daughter, Matilda Harriet, at the Mount Maternity Hospital, Northallerton.

PEMBERTON.– On May 28th at St Thomas' Hospital to Tessa (née Scott) and Andrew – a son.

POLLEN. – On May 28, 1984, at St Teresa's Hospital, to Christianne and Richard – a daughter (Alice Charlotte Mary).

PRINCE – On May 22nd, 1984, in Solihull to Elizabeth (nee Wilkinson) and Michael, a daughter (Rachel Mary).

RAMSAY.–On 23rd May, in Cambridge, to Jane (née MacDonald) and Jamie–a son (Allan Alexander MacDonald)

SHAW.–On May 25, to Gia and Henry–a son.

STEVENSON – To Susie (née Blades) and Peter, a daughter (Mary), on 29th May, 1984, at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

STEVENS – On May 25 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Diana and Robin, a son, Alex James, a brother for Rachel and Christopher. Grateful thanks to all staff involved.

THORNYCROFT – On May 28th, at Odstock to Louisa (née Mainwaring-Burton) and David, a son (Thomas Henry Mytton).

VAUGHAN-FOWLER. – On May 24th to Michael and Jessica (nee Gifford-Mead) – a son, brother to Patrick and Nicholas.

VLIES – On May 25th, to Margaret (née Watson) and Robin, a daughter (Joanna Rachel), a sister for Ben.

WIGGS – On May 26 at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Coleen (nee Tankard) and David, a son, Christopher James, a brother for Matthew, Caroline and Andrew.

WILSON. – On May 23rd at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Diana, nee Harrison Stanton and Kenneth – a daughter, a sister for Hugo.

WILSON – On May 26th, 1984, to Anne (nee Keigher) and Michael–a daughter (Elizabeth), a sister for Clare.

BIRTHDAYS

EMMA REDGRAVE is 18 today. Love from all the family.

RUSSELL – Sir Archibald. Many congratulations to Concorde Papa on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Keep on flying.

DEATHS

ADAIR.–On May 26, Lady Enid Adair, peacefully, aged 86, much beloved wife of Sir Allan Adair and adored by her family. Funeral private on Friday, June 1. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 132 Freston Road, W10. 723 3277. No letters, please.

AITKEN. – On May 25, Peter, in his 79th year, suddenly while walking with his dog. Beloved husband of Sue, dear father of Faith and Antony, and a much loved grandfather. Funeral, family and close friends only, June 1, at 11 am Aldeburgh Parish Church. No flowers, but donations if desired to Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital.

ATKINS – On May 24 after a long illness borne with great courage and humour, Ting, dearly loved wife of Col. Tommy Atkins. Memorial service at All Saints Church, Sutton Mandeville, on Saturday, 9th June at 2.30pm.

BARKER GORDON HORACE on 28th May peacefully at home, aged 82. Beloved husband of Jean, father of Anne and brother of Cecil and Guy. Requiem at St Marks Church, Surbiton, at 9 am on Friday, 1st June, followed by burial at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate. Family flowers only please.

BINNEY. – On Sunday 27th May, peacefully after a long illness, John Edward Douglas Binney, DPhil, of Sherborne, Dorset, son of Mr & Mrs Edward Hibbert Binney of Oxford. Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday, 5th June, at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only.

BRADISH-ELLAMES.–On May 28th, peacefully, John Edward Mountague, aged 88 years. Cremation at Guildford on Friday, June 1st. Family flowers only, please.

BROWN. – On 26th May, 1984, Hilary (Hovis), loving daughter of Sir Raymond Brown and Mrs Eve Collyer. The funeral takes place at Guildford Crematorium on Friday, 1st June at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for St. Luke's Hospital, c/o and all enquiries please to Pimm's Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford. Tel. Guildford 67394.

BUMPUS.–Suddenly, at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, on 26th May, Pamela Mary Ranken, aged 62 years, after a long illness courageously borne, dearly beloved by all her family. Funeral service at Cardross Crematorium on Saturday, 2nd June, at 10.30 a.m.

CAMPBELL RITCHIE – On 25th May, 1984, John (Campbell), loving husband of Chrissie, and dear father and grandfather. Family flowers only. Funeral private 31st May.

CARLISLE.–On 24th May, 1984, Jacqueline, only daughter of the late Lt.-Col. and Mrs John Denton Carlisle. Funeral arrangements later.

CLARIDGE. – Peacefully at the last on Sunday, May 27th at Westbury House, West Meon, Lilla Claridge, widow of Captain Bertie Claridge, RN, mother of Micks, Rodney, Valerie (Kyn), and Celia. Divorced wife of Capt St John Fancourt, RN. Much mourned by both families and a wide circle of friends. Memorial service at Chiddingfold Parish Church for her and Bertie to be announced.

COLES.–On May 23rd, following a motor accident in Italy, Stephen Robert Townsend, aged 24 years, much loved younger son of Handley and Patricia and brother of Sarah, Francis and Georgina. Burial later at Aberedw. Enquiries to Walter Parry, Funeral Director, Builth Wells, Powys. 0982 552644.

COOPER – On May 27 in the Brompton Hospital, John Radcliffe Henry, sadly missed by his sister Jane (Paton), niece and nephews, many Godchildren and very many friends. Private cremation. Memorial service Ockham Church. 2.30pm Friday June 8.

CUSINS, GEORGE RONALD STUART, O.B.E. On May 28th in hospital, after a long illness, borne with great courage. Service at Eltham Crematorium on Monday, June 4th at 10.45 am. Flowers may be sent to Francis Chappell & Son, High Street, Sidcup, Kent. Enquiries to Braund & Fedrick, Solicitors, 10 Hatherley Road, Sidcup, Kent. 01-300 6515.

DOGGART. – On May 26, 1984, Grace Carlisle Graham, whilst chairing the re-dedication ceremony of the Selsey lifeboat, City of London. Wife of the late Graham Doggart, mother of Hubert and Pat and the late Peter, loving and much loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Funeral private. Service of thanksgiving to be arranged at end of July in London. Donations to the Selsey branch of the RNLI, c/o the Treasurer, 4 North Road, Selsey, Chichester, West Sussex.

DOLLAR. – On May 27th May, 1984, Lt-Col. Peter Webster late 4th Hussars, husband of Beryl and father of Jane. Funeral at the Church of St. Etheldreda, Guilsborough, at 3 pm on Friday, 1st June, 1984, followed by a private cremation. Cut flowers only to Messrs Bonhams, 71 St Giles St., Northampton.

HARTFIELD.–On May 27th, peacefully, in hospital, Montague, of Iden, East Sussex, beloved husband of Peggy, father of David and Brian, and grandfather of Emma, Joel, Gaila and Sally. He will be deeply missed. At his request there will be no funeral service.

DEATHS

HATCH, JANET CONWAY, of 6 Shire Close, Billericay, on 25th May. Service to be held at Billericay Methodist Church, Western Rd, at 2.00 pm on 4th June 1984 followed by cremation at South Essex Crematorium. All donations to Cancer Research

HAY, ALEXANDER RICHARD. – On May 26th peacefully at home. Funeral private. No flowers please. A service of thanksgiving will be held in Wye Parish Church on Thurs. June 21st at noon.

HAY.–On May 26th, peacefully, at home, Alexander Richard. Funeral private, no flowers, please. Memorial service to be announced later.

HILL – On May 26, Gertrude Lilian, aged 98, peacefully in Crowborough, Sussex, much loved aunt of Celia and John, John and Christine, Sohpia and Hope. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday June 1 at 4pm.

HOLDEN. – On 26th May 1984, at St Augustine's Nursing Home, St Leonards on Sea, Guy Patient in his 92nd year father of Michael grandfather of Jo, Jasmine and Richard and great grandfather of Ian and Alice. Much of his life was spent with the Industrial Society. Funeral family only. No flowers

HOOPER.–On May 27th, 1984, Joan Roma, aged 73, in hospital, beloved wife of David. Cremation at Weymouth, Friday, June 1st, 1984, at 2 p.m. Flowers and inquiries Co-Operative Funeral Service (0305) 772789.

JONES – on May 17th, Dr Maurice Howard beloved husband of Mary, much loved by his children Dan, Minia and Rosamund, and his ten grandchildren. Funeral at Kirkby Overblow on Thursday May 24th at 2.30. Family flowers only please.

LAMONT – On May 28th, 1984, in a nursing home, and of 56 Richmond Road, Romiley, Stockport, the Rev Canon Colin Lamont, M.A., in his 85th year, dear husband of Dorothy, beloved father of Elizabeth, Andrew and David and grandfather of Kathy, Iain, Richard, Neil and Fiona. Service at St Chad's Church, Romiley, on Saturday, June 2nd at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Ashton Parish Church, c/o The Rector, The Rectory, Caroline Street, Ashton-under-Lyme. Enquiries to J. & T. Rhodes Ltd, Telephone 061 430 2094 and 061 494 5970.

NAIRN on May 25th 1984, Suddenly as the result of a road traffic accident of Plover Close Ayton Washington Tyne and Wear aged 27 years Geoffrey dearly loved husband of Jerry darling daddy of Aisha, dear son of Barbara and Ray Brothers of Christopher and grand son of Doreen. Funeral service at Landican Crematorium, Birkenhead, Merseyside on Friday 1st June at 2.30 p.m. Flowers and all enquires please to Charles Stephens Funeral Directors, Birkenhead Tel. 051 645 4396.

PAGE Edith Emma. – On 25th May 1984, in Guernsey and formerly of Sark, elder daughter of the late Charles and Edith Page. Dearly loved sister of Charles Page and Irene Clerc (Argentina).

PROBERT – Suddenly on May 27th at his home at West Stratton, Keith, aged 51, beloved husband of Valerie and dear father of Fenella and Melanie. Sadly missed. Funeral at East Stratton Parish Church, on Tuesday, June 5th at 11.30. Family flowers only, donations if desired to East Stratton Parish Church, c/o John Steel and Son Ltd, Cheswell House, Winchester.

RAWLINSON.–On May 23, 1984, suddenly, at Bognor Regis, Edith Rawlinson, late of Reigate, widow of Ernest, dearly loved mother of William and darling granny of Linnet and Hugh. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, South Bersted, Bognor Regis, on Wednesday, May 30, at 10.30 a.m. followed by cremation at Chichester Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to F. A. Holland & Son, 35/37 Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis Tel: 827311.

SHAW. – On 26th May, peacefully at his home, Bernard Vidal aged 93 beloved husband of Katherine Ceceley. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday 4th June, at 3.45pm. Family flowers only please.

STAVERT.–On May 25th, 1984, at peace, at West Hampnett House, Chichester, Violet Irene, dearly loved widow of Captain William Stavert, mother of Joan, David and Geoffrey, stepmother to Douglas and Joyce, grandmother of Susan, Penelope, Gillian, Belinda, Andrew, James and Juliet, and mother-in-law of David, Wendy and Elizabeth. Will be greatly missed by relatives and friends, especially Sheila, Muriel, Mary, Fred, Rose, Sue and Otto. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Limpsfield Village, Surrey, by Reverend Dennis Lane. Reception Botley Hill Farm. Flowers: Ebbutt Funeral Service, High Street, Limpsfield Tel: Oxted 3767.

STEPHENS – On May 29th, 1984, suddenly in Cuckfield Hospital, after a long illness, courageously borne, George Stuart, of Framfield Lodge, Uckfield, beloved husband of Megs, devoted father of Peter, Julia, Pug and Wendy and loving grandfather of his nine grandchildren. Funeral private.

SYMONS. – On May 27, at home, Richard Oliver, late DCLI and Probyn's Horse, beloved husband of the late Patricia, much loved father of Alexandra, Penelope and John, and very dear grandfather. Funeral service at the Town Church, St Peterport, Guernsey, on Friday, June 1, at 11 am. Donations if desired to the Treasurer, Guernsey Society for Cancer Relief, c/o Trevor Matthews, 2 Carey, Hirzel House, St Peterport.

TWEEDIE.–On May 26th, 1984, W. L. C. "Dum", O.B.E., who was resident in Lima, Peru. In loving memory from his friends in this country.

TYRIE – On May 27th, peacefully after a short illness, aged 69, Margot (Margaret) widow of Reverend Derek Tyrie, formerly of St. Peter's, Ealing, late of Pinewood Curwen Place, Brighton. Much loved mother of Martin. Requiem Mass at St Martin's Church, Brighton, Friday, 1st June at 3.30pm, followed by Cremation at Brighton Downs Crematorium, 4.30pm. Cut flowers only.

WHATELEY. – On May 26, 1984, peacefully in Somerset, Dorothy Mary (Jane), widow of Bun and dearest mother of Fay, Donald and Barry. Deeply mourned by her family and friends. Cremation, family only, on June 8 at Taunton. Flowers if desired to Messrs Murrell & Dewar Ltd, Funeral Directors, Friday Street, Minehead.

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WILLMOTT, May, devoted mother of Shell Coventry, peacefully at home on May 27, aged 86 years. Service at St Mary's Church, Marshalswick, St Alban's, Friday June 1, at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. All enquiries, wreaths, flowers etc. to Phillips Funeral Services Ltd, 68 Alma Road, St Alban's. Tel: St Alban's 51006.

WYLLIE On Friday, May 25th Mary aged 97 (nee Rickards) widow of Captain W. T. Wyllie 2nd Battalion D.L.I. Much loved mother of Bill, Peggy and Ruth. Funeral at All Saints Church, Milford-on-Sea on Friday, June 1st at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HEYS.– A service will be held on Tuesday, 5th June, 1984, at 12 noon, for Derek I. Heys, CBE, TD, at (Liverpool Church) Our Lady and St Nicholas, Liverpool 2.

WOOD.– A memorial service for Leslie Wood will take place at St Giles Church, Oxford, on Saturday, June 2nd at 11.30a.m.

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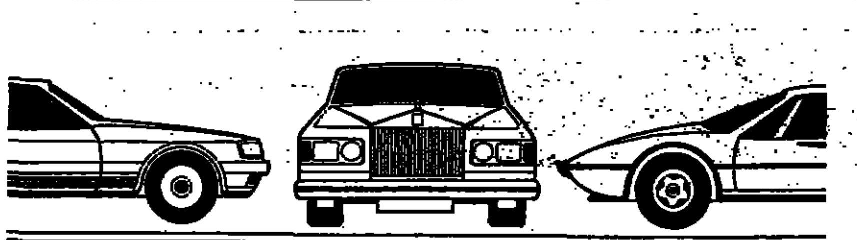
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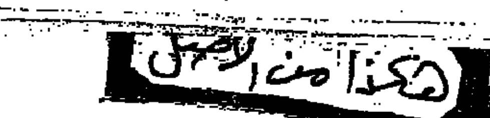
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6.00 **Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins.

6.30 **Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott.** News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television preview at 6.55; review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; the new Top Twenty between 7.45 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33; ante-natal advice between 8.30 and 9.00.

9.00 **Claire Rayner's Casebook.** The problem page editor talks to two childless couples (r). **9.25 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School,** presented by Fiosella Benjamin (r). **10.55 Gharbar.** A magazine programme for Asian women. Among the subjects discussed is Safety in the Home. **11.20 Ceefax.**

1.00 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Jim Bacon. **1.27** Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.30 **Gran** (r). **1.35 Stop-Go!** (r) **1.45 The Viceroy Sent for Me.** The second of two Chronicle programmes in tribute to Sir Mortimer Wheeler (r).

2.35 **Film: The Lost Squadron*** (1932) starring Joel McCrea, Eric Von Stroheim and Mary Astor. Drama story about three airmen, who, on demobilization following World War One, became stuntmen for a despotic film director. Directed by George Archainbaud. **3.53** Regional news (not London).

3.55 **Play School,** presented by Wayne Jackman. **4.20 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop.** Cartoon series (r) (Ceefax titles page 170). **4.40 Take Two.** Children's version of Points of View; presented by Josephine Buchan. The guest is David Filkin, editor of Tomorrow's World. **5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Silas.** Episode three of the 12-part serial about a young circus boy (Ceefax titles page 170).

5.40 **Sixty Minutes** begins with news from Richard Whitmore; then, weather at 5.54; regional magazines at 5.55; ending with news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 **Cartoon.** Tom and Jerry in Southbound Duckling.

6.45 **Film: Mayerling** (1969) starring Omar Sharif and Catherine Deneuve. A tragic love story about the affair between Crown Prince Rudolf, who is irritated and bored by both his wife and his mistress, and the beautiful young innocent, Maria Vetsera. Directed by Terence Young.

9.00 **News** with John Humphrys.

9.25 **The Paul Daniels Magic Christmas Show.** The magician's guests are The Pendragons, from the United States; the Five Star Endreez Family of Hungary; and, from France, Professor Al Carthy (r).

10.15 **Sportsnight** introduced by Harry Carpenter. Highlights from tonight's football match in Rome between Liverpool and AS Roma for the European Cup; a profile of Martina Navratilova; an assessment of European featherweight champion Barry McGuigan; and the latest news about the build-up to the Olympics.

11.05 **The Rockford Files.** Part two of The Gearjammers in which gentlemen Jim tries to save Rocky from the hands of underworld hit-men (r).

11.55 **News headlines and weather.**

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain** presented by John Stapleton and Nick Owen. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; David Hamilton's Star Romance at 6.40 and 8.15; exercises at 6.50 and 8.55; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.13; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; guest, Henry Mancini, at 7.40; Psychedelic Furs pop video at 7.55; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.33; Roland Rat at 9.01.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Sesame Street** where learning is made fun by the Muppets and their human guests; **10.25 Film: The Painted Smile*** (1961) starring Liz Fraser. Thriller about a pair of condifence tricksters who, one day, meet their match. *With Kenneth Griffith. Directed* by Lance Comfort.

11.25 **Split Cherry Tree.** Cautionary tale about an uneducated father who learns the worth of education when his son is punished at high school. **11.50 Casper the Friendly Ghost.** Cartoon.

12.00 **Atarah's Music.** Making the sound of a tuba with the help of an old tea-pot. **12.10 Sounds Like a Story.** Mark Wynter with the tale of the Noisy Neighbours (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during World War Two.

1.00 **News** with Leonard Parkin. **1.20 Thames news. 1.30 A Plus** visits the Normandy beaches with former Somerset Light Infantry private, Albert Herbert, who is now a senior lecturer in painting at the St Martin's School of Art.

2.00 **Take the High Road.** The arrival of her ex-husband upsets Lorna Seton. **2.30 A Country Practice.** Drama in the Australian outback. **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Atarah's Music.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.15 Cartoon Time.** Porky Pig in Dime to Retire (r). **4.20 Andy Robson.** First class serial about the adventures of a boy in Northumberland (r). **4.50 Razzmatazz.** Alastair Pirrie presents another programme in the series of pop music. **5.15 Emmerdale Farm.** Will Seth play in the annual cricket match?

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of Hackney's mobile play centre, the Albion Kids Show.

6.35 **Coronation Street.** Vera Duckworth appears in court and Mike Baldwin discovers that Billy Walker has been pestering Deirdre Barlow (Oracle titles page 170).

7.05 **Football: The European Cup Final.** Live coverage from Rome of the game between AS Roma and Liverpool. Brian Moore is the commentator, assisted by Kevin Keegan and Ian St John.

9.15 **Film: Force 10 from Navarone** (1978) starring Robert Shaw, Harrison Ford and Edward Fox. Follow-up film to the Guns of Navarone with, this time, the intrepid survivors of the first escapade detailed to destroy a dam in Yugoslavia and also to find out the identity of the German who betrayed them. Directed by Guy Hamilton (continues after the news).

10.00 **News.**

10.30 **Film: Force 10 from Navarone** continued.

12.00 **Portrait of a Legend.** James Darren with a musical tribute to Stevie Wonder.

12.25 **Night Thoughts** from Tina Mehta.

Colin Douglas and Paul Antony – Barber: BBC 2, 9.30pm.

CHOICE

● At the risk of sounding insufferably patronizing, I must say that if Peter Gibbs's short play **BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT** (BBC 2, 9.30pm) pleased me, then it can't be bad. Let me explain what I mean. I know little about cricket, and care even less about it. The only play about the game that I have ever managed to sit through without yawning was Richard Harris's *Outside Edge;* and that was probably because what happened on the pitch took second place to what happened off it. Mr Gibbs's play is also about cricket: a young umpire, making his first appearance at a first-class match, is coached by an old hand at the game. And that, really, is all there is to it. Mr Gibbs once played for Derbyshire, so you would naturally expect his play to have text-book authenticity. But, if it had only that, it would have lost me. Instead, it has an infectious sense of fun and a nice line in subversion as the old hand educates the young 'un in the philosophy that the secret of acquiring authority is something that he will not find in the rule book.

● Sport, says Mr Gibbs's play in effect, can damage your sense of fair play. Tonight's *Brass Tacks* report by Tony Wilkinson (BBC 2, 8.10pm) indicates that it can have other undesirable effects. **SPORT CAN DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH** is about the dangerous foolishness that playing the game often involves. Foolishness not only on the part of the players (Bill Beaumont describes how he continued playing despite being concussed 20 times in five years), but on the part of so-called medical experts. Between 25 and 50 per cent of Football League players who have to retire prematurely have injuries that were made worse because of poor treatment. And, at the amateur end of the scale, are the children crippled by playing too much football.

● **SIX CENTURIES OF VERSE** (Channel 4, 9.00pm) has reached Shakespeare. Difficult, perhaps impossible, to identify the high spot. Gielgud speaking Prospero's farewell speech, possibly. Or Ashcroft's Nurse from *Romeo and Juliet.* Or Richardson, Gielgud and Ashcroft in *Lear.* So much richness in just half an hour.

● **TRAVELLING FOLK** (Radio 3, 7.00pm), Sam Richards's feature about the lives and songs of the Romanies of the West Country, is not only radio at its best (ie, voices painting pictures, and music that realistically frames them) but, taking the long-term view, is an invaluable permanent record of a vigorous and unfettered life style that, alas, cannot hope to survive unchanged into another century.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 **Open University:** Seventeenth Century England. **6.55** Modelling Stock Control. **7.20** Appearance and Reality. **7.45** Industrial Relations. Ends at 8.10.

9.00 **Ceefax.**

10.00 **You and Me.** Happy Teeth. For the very young (r).

10.12 **Ceefax.**

5.10 **Special Needs in Education.** An Open University production that examines the role of the physiotherapist (r).

5.35 **News summary with subtitles.**

5.40 **Film: The Blue Bird** (1976) starring Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Fonda, Ava Gardner and Will Geer. Picturesque fairy tale, based on the story by Maurice Maeterlinck, about two children who set off to find the blue bird of happiness. Directed by George Cukor.

7.15 **Bus and Truck.** With pupils of the New York School of Performing Arts who write and stage their own musical and go by bus to Brooklyn to perform there, uncertain of the facilities they will find (r).

7.45 **Facing Up to Forty: The Best We Can Do.** Judith Hann discovers the value of exercise for the over-forties. From James Hunt and his squash to the marathon running of Madge Sharples.

8.10 **Brass Tacks Reports: Sport Can Damage Your Health.** A revealing documentary about the ends people go in order to continue in the sport they love. One disquieting fact arose from a questionnaire sent to all 92 Football League clubs. It revealed that more than a quarter of them do not employ a full-time physiotherapist – dangerous but understandable for a poor Fourth Division club but carrying economies too far in the case of the rich First Division clubs who are in the same boat (see Choice).

9.00 **Entertainment USA.** Jonathan King at Gracelands, the home of Elvis Presley and in the late rock and roller's private luxury jet airliner. Also in the programme are interviews with James Ingram and the former rock star, Al Green, who now spends his time preaching.

9.30 **Play: Benefit of the Doubt,** by Peter Gibbs. The winning entry in the 1983 Radio Times play competition. Starring Paul Antony-Barber and Colin Douglas (see Choice).

10.15 **Ebony** includes reaction to the weekend visit by the South African prime minister and a performance by the London Community Gospel Choir.

10.45 **Newsnight.**

11.30 **The Greeks Have a Word for It.** The first of two films about modern Greece. Narrated by Dennis Lill (r).

12.00 **Open University:** The Branch and Bound Method. **12.25** Inquiry: Newsreel Coverage. Ends at 12.55.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner of the fast-moving anagrams and mental arithmetic contest is challenged by foreign exchange dealer Gerald Ram.

5.30 **Great Walks.** The penultimate hike of the series finds Allan Thornton, Jenny Mackay and Alistair Cross, all customers of the Stirling Jobcentre, walk from Dollar Glen past Castle Cambell to the miniature mountain of Dumyat, near Stirling. This trek through the Ochils was undertaken in winter and took two days, if attempted in the summer one day should be sufficient.

6.00 **Passage to Britain.** The seventh programme is The Hungarians – How to be the Alien, and features humorist George Mikes and Andre Deutsch who published Mikes's best selling book – How to be an Alien in 1946. Among those 23,000 that fled to Britain in 1956 following the Hungarian uprising is George Roman, now director of the Theatre Clwyd in Wales, who talks about his experiences when he first came to this country.

6.30 **Daley Thompson's Bodyshop.** The final programme of the series features former rock musician Ric Wakeman who, when with the band Yes, during his mid-twenties suffered three cardiac arrests, but is now perfectly fit. Daley Thompson specifically covers fitness for those who have previously been ill. Also in the programme is film of Colin Hewick breaking the Guinness world record for 'finger tip' press-ups.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment.** This week's political slot is taken by Ian Wrigglesworth, SDP MP for Stockton South.

8.00 **Brookside.** Sheila agrees to go on holiday with Bobby.

8.30 **Diverse Reports.** Hugo Young, former political editor of The Sunday Times, now a columnist with The Guardian, with a critical analysis of the week's television news.

9.00 **Six Centuries of Verse.** Programme five looks at the work of the prolific playwright, Shakespeare. Sir John Gielgud, Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Sir Ralph Richardson, separately or together, read extracts from eight of the Bard's plays (see Choice).

9.30 **Film: Maggie** (1978) starring Maria Andersson as a young girl in a small Swedish town who finds romance with an older boy. Directed by Birgitta Svensson (English subtitles).

11.20 **Visions: From Moscow and Chicago: Kinopanorama and At the Movies.** A contrast of the television programmes about films in Russia and the United States.

12.15 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

6.00 *News Briefing; Weather.*
6.10 Farming Today. **6.25** Shipping.
6.30 Today, including **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Prayer. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day.
8.43 Winnie the Pooh. Third of five stories by A. A. Milne. Read by Alan Bennett. **8.57** Weather.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guests, including Duncan Goodhew.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' questions.
10.30 Morning Story: "A Time For Mourning" by Philip Harnes. Read by Geoffrey Banks.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Birth of an Old Lady. A programme that looks back to the dramatic beginnings of the Bank of England as its 250th anniversary approaches. Compiled by John Theocharis.†
12.00 News; You and Yours.
12.27 Deep Six. A serial in six parts by John Fletcher (2).†**12.55** Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes an interview with comedienne, actress, singer and scriptwriter Tracey Ullman.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Marigold. By Margaret Miles. With Anna Cropper, Michael Tudor Barnes, and Thesera Streatfield. A car accident ends the pop music partnership of Bill and Marigold. This play is about Bill's unusually close relationship with his mother-in-law.†
3.47 I Got Up Out Of My Seat. People's response to evangelist Billy Graham's meeting. Today is the turn of the BBC's Religious Affairs Correspondent Rosemary Hartill.†
4.00 News; File on 4.
4.40 Story Time: "Lois the Witch" by Mrs Gaskell. Abridged in three parts (1). Read by Valerie Windsor.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. **5.50** Shipping Forecast. **5.55** Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News.
6.30 My Music. Music panel game.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint with Roger Cook.
7.45 In Business. The programme which goes to the shopfloors and boardrooms across the country, with Peter Hobday. Tonight: software piracy.
8.15 Pride of the Parlour. Ten-part series in which Jeremy Siepmann casts a benign but occasionally cynical eye on history of music-making in the home (4). Cherchez la Femme.†
8.45 Analysis. Interview with Lawrence Eagleburger, until recently U.S. Under Secretary for Political Affairs in the Department of State.
9.30 Bolshoi Tyshinsky No 26: More memories from 'Vili the Clown' (Bill Campbell).
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Items on Tom Stoppard's play for Channel 4, Squaring the Circle; The Faber Book of Parodies; and Opera Factory.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Falls the Shadow" by Emanuel Litvinof (8): Read by Nigel Graham.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Gospel Truth. Kenneth McLeish traces the life history of his great-grandfather Herbert Willman.
12.00 News. **12.10** Weather. **12.15**-Close Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND: VHF as above except: **6.25am-6.30** Weather; Travel. **1.55pm-2.00** Listening Corner. **5.50-5.55** PM (continued). **11.00** Study on 4: Asian links. **11.30-12.10am** Open University.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Debussy's Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune; Michael Haydn's Concerto for organ, viola and orchestra; and Moscheles Allegro di Bravura: La Forza, Op 51, No 1 (Noel Lee, piano).† **8.00** News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Francaix's L'Horloge de Flore (John de Lancie, oboe, and the LSO); Glinka's Valse-Fantaisie; and Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 (Kyung-Wha Chung, and the Royal Philharmonic).† **9.00** News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Offenbach. Excerpts from Act 2 of his comic opera Robinson Crusoe (sung in English). With John Brecknock in the title role; and Sandra Browne as Man Friday.†
10.00 Mozart: Benny Goodman plays the Clarinet Concerto in A, with the Boston SO.†
10.30 Schubert: Franz Schubert Quartet of Vienna play the Quartet in A minor D 804.†
11.00 BBC Scottish SO: Hendrik Andriessen's Ricercare; Ravel's Le tombeau de Couperin; and Brahms's Symphony No 3.†
12.15 Concert Hall: David Heath (flute) and John Lenehan (piano). Bach's Sonata in E, BWV 1035; Hindemith's Sonata; David Heath's Out of the Cool; and Paggi's Rimembranze Napoletane.† **1.00** News.
1.05 Modern Jazz Quartet: John Lewis's music for the film Sait-on Jamais (first programme in a new series).†
1.30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra with Philip Challis (piano). Haydn Wood's Horseguards, Whitehall; Dvorak's Slavonic Dance in E minor Op 72, No 2; Schumann (transc Liszt) Widmung; Geoffrey Cummings-Knight's Snowfall in Suzdal; Cazabon's The Jesters; Rondo; Johann Strauss's The Blue Danube; Turina's Rapsodia Sinfonica; and Bryan Kelly's Four Realms Suite.†
2.30 Piano Duets by Berners and Lambert: Isabel Beyer and Harvey Dagul play various works including Lambert's Tois pièces nègres; and Lord Berners's Fantasie Espagnole.†
3.10 Stanford's Irish Symphony: played by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta.†
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live transmission from St Paul's Cathedral in London.†**4.55** News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Richard Graves's selections of music.†
6.30 Debut: recital by Hilary Thomas (soprano) with Keith Swallow as her accompanist, Fauré's Nôtre amour op 23 No 2; Nocturne, Op 43 No 2; and Fleur jetée, Op 39, No 2. Also Bizet's Douce mer; and Adieux de l'hôtesse arabe; and Debussy's Quatre chansons de jeunesse.†
7.00 Travelling Folk (see Choice).
7.50 Wagner and Strauss: BBC Philharmonic, under Downes, play Wagner's Siegfried's Funeral March; and Strauss's An Alpine Symphony.†
8.55 Six Continents: Ian McDougall presents some foreign radio reports, monitored by the BBC.
9.15 Brighton Festival: Concert. Part one. Penderecki conducts three of his own works: the Polymorphia; Adagietto from Paradise Lost; and The Awakening of Job.† Interval reading at 9.45.
9.50 Concert: part two. Beethoven's Symphony No 9 (the Choral). Soloists: Jadwiga Gadulanka, Vera Baniewicz, William Kendall and Andrzej Leonard Mroz. With Brighton Festival Chorus, and Cracow Radio SO.†
11.15 News. Until. 11.18.
VHF ONLY – Open University: **6.35-6.55 am** Open Forum: Students' Magazine. **11.20-12.00 am. 11.20** Social Sciences: Grapevine. **11.40** Second Order Response.

Radio 2

4.00 Colin Berry.† **5.30** Bill Rennells.† **7.30** Ray Moore†incl **8.31** Racing. **10.00** Jimmy Young.† **12.00** Steve Jones†incl **1.05; 2.02** Sport. **2.05** Gloria Hunniford†incl **3.02** Sport. **3.30** Music All the Way†incl **4.02** Sport. **4.05** David Hamilton†incl **5.05; 6.02** Sport. **6.05** John Dunn†incl **6.45** Sport and Classified Results (mf only). **7.30** Cricket Scores. **7.00** European Soccer Special: Coverage of the European Cup Final between Liverpool and A.S. Roma at the Olympic Stadium, Rome. **9.15** Syd Lawrence in Concert from the Playhouse Theatre, Manchester.† **9.55** Sport. **10.00** The Golden Years with Alan Keith. **10.30** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. **11.00** Brian Matthews presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). **1.00am** Patrick Lunt* presents Nightride.† **3.00** The Mike Sammes Singers. **3.40-4.00** Maryetta and Vernon Midgley.†

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. **7.00** Mike Read. **9.00** Simon Bates. **11.30** Gary Davies, incl **12.30** Newsbeat. **2.00** Bruno Brookes. **4.30** Peter Powell, incl **5.30** Newsbeat. **7.00** David Jensen. **10.00-12.00** John Peel.† **VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am** With Radio 2. **7.00pm** John Dunn (continued from mf). **8.00** Cast, In Order of Disappearance. Thriller serial starring Francis Matthews and Fiona Hendley. 3: Inside the Giant's Castle. **8.30** BBC Radio Orchestra.† **9.15** With Radio 2. **10.00** With Radio 1. **12.00-4.00am** With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. **6.30** Omnibus. **7.00** World News. **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **7.30** That's Trad. **7.45** Report on Religion. **8.00** World News. **8.09** Reflections. **8.15** Peebles' Choice. **8.30** I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. **9.00** World News. **9.09** Review of the British Press. **9.15** The World Today. **9.30** Financial News. **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** These Musical Islands. **10.15** Patrick Martyn's Music Box. **11.00** World News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** World Service Short Story. **11.30** Meridian. **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** Nature Notebook. **12.25** The Farming World. **12.45** Sports Roundup. **1.00** World News. **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **1.30** Letters From Everywhere. **1.45** Holst and His Circle. **2.15** Report on Religion. **2.30** Middlemarch. **3.00** Radio Newsreel. **3.15** Outlook. **4.00** World News. **4.09** Commentary. **4.15** Counterpoint. **8.00** World News. **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **8.30** Assignment. **9.00** Network U.K. **9.15** World Service Short Story. **10.00** World News. **10.09** The World Today. **10.25** Book Choice. **10.30** Financial News. **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** World News. **11.09** Commentary. **11.15** The Future of Work. **11.30** Top Twenty. **12.00** World News. **12.09** News About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Waveguide. **12.40** Book Choice. **12.45** I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. **1.15** Outlook. **1.45** Monitor. **2.00** World News. **2.09** Review of the British Press. **2.15** Network U.K. **2.30** Assignment. **3.00** World News. **3.09** News About Britain. **3.15** The World Today. **3.30** These Musical Islands. **4.45** Financial News. **4.55** Reflections. **5.00** World News. **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **5.45** The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales: 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales headlines. **3.53-3.55** News of Wales headlines. **4.20-4.45** Take Two (as BB 1 4.40pm). **4.45-5.10** White, Red and Green (The Urdd Eisteddfod). **5.55** Wales Today. **11.55** News and weather. **Scotland: 1.25pm-1.30** The Scottish news. **5.55** Scotland: Sixty Minutes. **11.05-11.40** I Believe, You Believe. **11.40-12.05am** The Brandenburg Concertos. **12.05** News and weather. **Northern Ireland: 1.27pm-1.30** Northern Ireland news. **3.53-3.55** Northern Ireland news. **5.55** Scene Around Six. **11.55** News and weather. **England: 5.55pm** Regional news magazines. **12.00** close.

S4C Starts 1.30pm Eisteddfod Genedlaethol. **4.45** Ffalabalam. **5.05** Smyrffs. **5.35** Here's Lucy. **6.00** Brookside. **7.00** Newyddion Saith. **7.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol. **8.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar. **9.00** Film: Better Late Than Ever (Donald Pleasance). **10.50** Diverse Reports. **11.50** Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **10.25am** Peru. **10.50** European Folk Tales. **11.00** Magic Adventure. **11.55-12.00** Melotoons. **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20-1.30** News. **5.15-5.45** Protectors. **6.00-6.35** Calendar. **12.00** Barney Miller. **12.30am** Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **10.25am-12.00** Film: Okey For Sound* (Crazy Gang). **1.20pm** News. **1.25-1.30** Where the Jobs Are. **2.30-3.30** Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* **5.15-5.45** Madabout. **6.00-6.35** Northern Life. **12.00** That Girl. Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRANADA As London except: **9.25am** Atom Ant. **9.30** America Screams. **10.20** Groovy Ghoulies. **10.40** Tarzan. **11.30** Dick Tracy. **11.35-12.00** Laurel and Hardy* **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20** Granada Reports. **1.30-2.00** Exchange Flags. **2.30** Devlin Connection. **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors. **5.15-5.45** Vintage Quiz. **6.00** This is Your Right. **6.05-6.35** Granada Reports. **11.35** Shelley. **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **10.25am** Little Rascals.* **10.40** Poseidon Files. **11.30-12.00** Amazing Years of Cinema. **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20-1.30** News. **2.30** Return of the Saint. **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors. **5.15-5.45** Diff'rent Strokes. **6.00-6.35** News. **12.00** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **10.25am** Cantinflas Show. **10.35** Joe 90. **11.00-12.00** Hopalong Cassidy. **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20-1.30** News. **2.00-2.30** Sons and Daughters. **3.30-4.00** Adventurer. **5.10** Action Line. **5.20-5.45** Crossroads. **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today. **12.00** Late Call. **12.05am** Private Benjamin. **12.30** Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts **12.00-12.10pm** Atarah's Music. **12.30-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20** News. **5.15-5.45** Joe 90. **6.00** Channel Report. **6.30** Crossroads. **6.55** Jazz Workshop. **9.15-10.00** Streets of Fear. **10.34** Streets of Fear. **11.35** Royal Visit. **12.05am** Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: **10.25am** Film: Last of the Mohicans* (Randolph Scott). **11.50-12.00** Wattoo, Wattoo. **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20-1.30** News. **6.00-6.35** About Anglia. **12.00** Portrait of a Legend. **12.35am** Man Worth Listening to . . . Closedown.

TVS As London except: **10.25am** Unicorn Tales. **10.55** Orphans of the Wild. **11.20** Sport Billy. **11.45-12.00** Little Rascals. **1.20pm-1.30** News. **2.00** Miracles Take Longer. **2.30** Vintage Quiz. **3.00-3.30** At Ease. **5.15-5.45** Young Doctors. **6.00-6.35** Coast To Coast. **12.00** Company, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **10.25am** Target the Impossible. **10.50** Prairie Habitat. **11.05** Poseidon Files. **11.55-12.00** Cartoon. **1.20pm-1.30** News. **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors. **5.15-5.45** Vintage Quiz. **6.00-6.35** Lookaround. **12.00** Portrait of a Legand. **12.30am** News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **10.25am** Joe 90. **10.50** Story Hour. **11.35-12.00** Wheelie and the Chopper Bunch. **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.25-1.30** News. **5.15** Gus Honeybun. **5.20-5.45** Crossroads. **6.00-6.35** Today South West. **12.00** Arrows Away. **12.30am** Postscript, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **10.25am** Laurel and Hardy.* **10.50** Poseidon Files. **11.50-12.00** Cartoon. **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20-1.30** News. **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors. **6.00-6.25** North Tonight. **12.00** That's Hollywood. **12.35am** News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **9.25am** Once Upon a Time . . . Man. **9.50** Spirit of Malcolm Miller. **10.40** New Fred and Barney Show. **11.00-12.00** Private World. **12.30pm-1.00** Look Who's Talking. **1.20-1.30** News. **2.00** Devlin Connection. **3.00-3.30** Take the High Road. **5.15-5.45** Beverley Hillbillies. **6.00-6.35** News.

ULSTER As London except: **9.25am-10.25** Adventures of Gulliver. **10.50** Cartoon. **11.05** Laurel and Hardy.* **11.30-12.00** Kum Kum. **1.20pm-1.30** Lunchtime. **3.30-4.00** Once Upon A Time . . . Man. **5.15-5.45** Protectors. **6.00-6.35** Good Evening Ulster. **12.00** News, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Iran will resist US forces in Gulf war

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now travelling by night for fear of Iranian air attack.

The manager of the state-owned Kuwaiti Oil Company was quoted in Gulf newspapers yesterday as appealing for air cover for the tankers in the war zone, a suggestion that is not likely to be greeted with much enthusiasm by the other Gulf states which have no desire to come into direct conflict with the Iranian Air Force.

Yet they can have taken little comfort yesterday from a letter sent by President Husain of Iraq to the Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference in Algiers, a missive that proclaimed Iraq's desire for a just peace and welcomed "all efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war" but which insisted that Iraq would be "victorious" in the conflict.

The Kuwaitis say that they have received assurances from Britain, France and Sweden that they will continue sending oil tankers to Kuwaiti ports.

The Russians were able to hear a first-hand account of the Arab negotiating position in the Gulf war yesterday from Colonel Rifaat el-Assad, the brother of the Syrian President, who has travelled to Moscow for an official visit.

● **WASHINGTON:** The State Department issued a grim warning last night about the increasing military dimension of the Gulf conflict (Christopher Thomas writes).

Recent days, neutral shipping has been attacked with increasing frequency and in an ever widening area in international waters in the Gulf. Further escalation could threaten Saudi Arabia and oil supplies on which most of the free world depends," it stated.

The Stinger missiles sale was authorized by President Reagan under emergency powers in the Arms Export Control Act, allowing him to act without the usual provision of giving 30 days advance notice to Congress.

The State Department said the emergency provisions were invoked because of the "current emergency circumstances which require an immediate sale in the national security interests of the United States."

The State Department said the Saudis had agreed to strict safeguards to ensure the security of the missiles and would pay the full cost of the system and its transportation.

Riot police charge missile throwers



Helmeted police, armed with shields, moving into missile-hurling pit pickets at Orgreave

84 held as battle of Saltley is restaged

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Police struggling with pickets outside the plant entrance applauded their mounted colleagues, but Mr Scargill said: "Anyone who has been here today has seen police tactics of the most brutal nature. We have seen riot shields and riot gear in action. We have seen truncheons and staves in action. We have seen mounted police charging into our ranks.

"I was appealing to the police to show restraint. There were baton charges. I saw truncheons wielded and I saw our people hit. I saw people punched to the ground. Quite honestly, there were scenes of brutality which were almost unbelievable.

"What you now have in South Yorkshire is an actual police state tantamount to something you are used to seeing in Chile or Bolivia." He urged miners and the whole trade union movement to "come here in your thousands to make everbody aware that we are not prepared to see this kind of brutality inflicted against working men and women."

The aim of the picket was to persuade lorry drivers not to go into the plant; it might take some days, but he was convinced they would succeed.

Mr Tony Clement, assistant Chief Constable, who was in charge of the 1,700 officers from 13 forces at Orgreave, said: "The pickets began throwing stones, half house bricks, wood torn from fences and our officers were being injured.

"That was the time for me to order officers to go in with shields to prevent that sort of thing happening." He agreed that was "a deployment of the last resort".

To Mr Scargill's claim that with fewer police there would have been no violence, Mr Clement said: "No, let us put it another way round. If he did not send in pickets there would not be any policemen."

Supt Pratt said the police were not prepared to remain under bombardment. He said spikes, ball-bearings and potatoes with nails stuck through them had been used as missiles against the police.

Supt Pratt said: "There are people, I am sure, who are hell bent on causing trouble to this company and to the policemen whose only brief is to keep the peace. "I am laying the blame at the miners, whom Mr Scargill represents.

Supt Pratt said police would be doing their best to ensure that "unwarranted attacks by people claiming to be peacful demonstrators" did not occur again.

Two hundred full-time workers at the Orgreave plant tried unsuccesfully to persuade the lorry drivers and contract loaders not to move the coke.

There were no pickets outside the Scunthorpe steel plant as the coke convoys arrived. British Steel said the coke is needed to stabilize two blast furnaces

Letter from Key West

End of the road on the way to nowhere

You can't help thinking about old Henry Flagler when you reach here. It is a rum sort of place, the end of the road, and on the way to nowhere, the final speck on the caudate Florida Keys which reach out more than 100 miles into the Gulf of Mexico. It is where the continental United States finally peters out in a little patch of sand, concrete, barbed wire and a sign saying: America begins here.

There is also a red arrow pointing out to sea, with the legend: 90 miles to Cuba – and rednecks can stand here and glare at the horizon and swear they can almost smell that Communist cigar smoke on the sultry wind.

To get here you drive down the yellowbrick road of the Overseas Highway, whose bridges make stepping stones of the little, low, green islands of the archipelago.

The first few keys are a hideous mess, disfigured by the usual excrescences of large and gaudy billboards. They not only advertise burgers, pancakes and pop, but also urge travellers to stop at aquariums along the way to have a brief physical encounter with denizens of the deep: "Kiss a sea lion", "Touch a dolphin", "Pet a shark".

Sublime climate and easy manners

In the heart of the billboard forest on some blighted key, quite close to a junktique, is a giant sign, cracked and peeling, shouting: "Help to preserve this fragile paradise".

Key West itself, although it has its share of garish glitter, is evidently a version of paradise for some of its inhabitants. It is a small place, [illegible] miles by one, population [illegible],000, and its highest hill is [illegible]. It has a large number of lovely colonial wooden houses with fine gingerbread work. It lives by fishing and tourism and calls itself the Conch Republic, after the rubbery mollusc which abounds hereabouts and which, when extracted from its beautiful shell, may be pounded for [illegible] and made into [illegible].

A long-term resident is known as a conch, pronounced "[illegible]" and, like islanders anywhere, goes along with the [illegible] belief that he is a "character" with an enviable philosohpy of life.

The island's end-of-the-trail remoteness, sublime climate and easy manners have made it attractive to writers and artists. Ernest Hemingway lived here for eight years in a magnificent old colonial house and wrote *For Whom The Bell Tolls* and *A Farewell To Arms*, among other works, stopping from time to time to drink at Sloppy Joe's Bar, which still trades on his memory. In the house you can see Papa's bed, books and bills, and buy a teeshirt with his face on it. Another old house, rescued from ruin and restored after being occupied by a dotty old hermit, was once used by John James Rudubon, the pioneer ornithologist and painter, during his sketching tour of he keys in 1832.

Remnants of a more colourful age

Not surprisingly, the island is one of the last places where you can see examples of the American hippie of the 1960s, remnants of a more colourful and disputatious age, living out their days in this most agreeable of natural reserves. One of the guide books points out that Key West has also been for some years a haven for homosexuals. Finding the atmosphere tolerant they have moved into business in a substantial way, and have also played a large part in the restoration of old buildings.

When you leave Key West you thing of Henry Flagler again. He was the man who invented modern Florida. (He had already founded Standard Oil with John D. Rockefeller). He built the railroad to Miami in 1883, and at the age of 75, decided to conquer the Keys with a rail link to Key West.

It was a phenomenal seven-year undertaking and cost the lives of 700 men – but in 1912, at the age of 82, Henry Flager arrived by the first train into Key West. He died happy the following year. In 1935 his railroad was smashed by a hurricane. But it lives on. The Overseas Highway was built on its foundations, an aspect of the manifest destiny to fill every last cranny of the continent and make it free for billboards.

Trevor Fishlock

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opens the new Terminal at Birmingham Airport, 11.20; and later visits the "Expo '84" Exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, 2.45.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member of the Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, attends a meeting of the Society at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, SW1, 7.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, Earl and Countess of Chester, visit the Town Hall, Chester, 10.40, followed by The General Wing of the West Cheshire Hospital, 11.15; and later visit the Golden Square Shopping Centre, Warrington, 1.45.

The Prince of Wales attends a Royal Gala evening at the Royal Institute of British Architects, Hampton Court Palace, 7.45.

Princess Anne unveils Mr Terence Cuneo's painting "D-Day" at the National Army Museum, London, 12; and later as Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, visits the headquarters of St John Ambulance in Grosvenor Crescent, SW1, 3.

The Duke of Gloucester opens Langley Park House, Slough, on behalf of BPB Industries, 12; and later opens the Building and Construction Exhibition "Conex '84" on behalf of the Concrete Society – Northampton Club, Derngate Centre, Northampton, 2.55.

The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the United Knigdom Committee of European Music Year 1985, attends a Committee Meeting at the British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, SW1, 9.30.

New exhibitions

Oil paintings by Tony Ogden, The Ginnel Gallery, Lloyd Street, **Manchester**. Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Thur 9 to 8, closed Sat and Sun (ends June 22).

1940s: A Decade of Posters; City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Road, **Portsmouth**; Mon to Sun 10.30 to 5.30 (until August 19).

Last chance to see

Work, People, Music, works by Donimic Snyder, Simon Burder and Mary Louise Colouris. Glasgow Print Studio Gallery, 128 Ingram Street, **Glasgow**, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6.

Contemporary Women Artists, Scottish Gallery, 94 George St, **Edinburgh**, Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Sat 9 to 1, closed Sun.

Paintings, sculptures and drawings by Ian Anderson and Eric Anderson, Taliesin Gallery, University College of **Swansea**, Victoria Road, Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 1, closed Sun.

Music

Concert by Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, St Davids Hall, **Cardiff**, 7.30.

Piano recital by Alan Rowlands, St Davids Cathedral, Dyfed, 8.

General

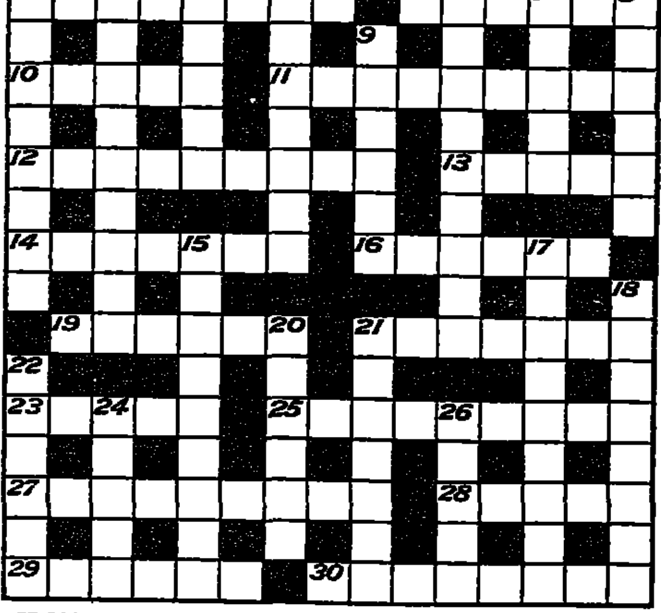
The Royal Bath and West Show, The Showground, **Shepton Mallet**, Somerset, Wed to Fri 9 to 7, Sat 9 to 6 (until June 2).

Exhibitions in progress

That's Shell – That Is!, Atkinson Art Gallery, Lord St, **Southport**; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Thurs and Sat 10 to 1, closed Sun (ends June 10).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,443

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 29 per cent of the competitors at this year's Leeds regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.



ACROSS

1 Put back by girl as worthless (8).
5 A shiner? This should cushion the blow (6).
10 Poet to set outside Bumble's law? (5).
11 Curtail one's spring activity? Great! (9).
12 Specimen. I cooked to eat at Christmas (5,4).
13 French sculpture has a perch by the entrance (5).
14 Check cost (3,4).
16 A head might also be a bishop (6).
19 Upright character in factory is not inflexible (6).
21 Disciplinary system – troops have no end of it (7).
23 Girl growing up on the moors (5).
25 Some of 21 *dn* widespread in Irish county (9).
27 Reluctant trainer produces no sprinter (9).
28 Part of service many repeat (5).
29 Non-specialists such as Scott and Macaulay? (6).
30 Back in profit, I repair contents of schooner (8).

DOWN

1 Sum Times collected for brave group member (8).
2 Following delivery of mail to part of Africa (4-5).
3 Pair of sweethearts about to cut and run like this? (5).
4 Club a writer joined with speed (7).
6 Lackey taking orders from 23? (9).
7 Competitors distributed between 18 (5).
8 Revolting, as is boxing? (6).
9 "Ursa" is translated as "the Bear" (6).
15 Fall on ski-slope a learner can have, sadly (9).
17 Cheese for mouse-catcher which traps limb (9).
18 Not full-time cricket sides (2,3,3).
20 Vessel in Med has crossed lines by design (6).
21 Fruit produced by female cheer-leader (4-3).
22 How Sir Peter, they say, used to get a nap (6).
24 Material in front of Jumbo jet? Just the opposite (5).
26 This chap has means of moving Juggernaut (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,442

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

D–Day

Arrangements are being made by the Ministry of Defence for about 50 widows to attend the D–Day Celebrations in Normandy on Wednesday, June 6. Qualified widows; – those whose husbands died on D–Day or subsequently died of wounds received on that day, are invited to apply to join the group. Applicants should be fit enough to withstand an arduous day. Those wishing to apply should telephone the Ministry on 01-218 3288/3871 not later than 2pm on Thursday, May 31, giving their husband's service particulars including Regiment, Corps, Unit, or Ship. Selection will be on a first come first served basis. The telephones will be staffed from 7.30am to 10.00pm today and from 7.30am to 2.00pm on Thursday.

New Books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Henry James Letters, edited by Leon Edel, volume IV, 1895-1916 (Harvard, £15.50).
Lorenzo De' Medici, by Judith Hook (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95).
Persia and the Greeks, by A. R. Burn, second edition with postscript by D. M. Lewis (Duckworth, £9.50).
Publishing Agreements, A Book of Precedents, edited by Charles Clark (Allen & Unwin, £15).
Samuel Johnson and the Theme of Hope, by T. F. Wharton (Macmillan, £15).
Sixteenth-Century England, the Pelican Social History of Britain, by Joyce Youings (Allen Lane, £14.95).
The English Whippet, by E. G. Walsh and Mary Lowe (Boydell & Brewer, £14.95).
The Memoirs of John Addington Symonds, edited and introduced by Phyllis Grosskurth (Hutchinson, £14.95).
The Official History of the Great War, France and Belgium August-October 1914 (Shearer, £13.95).
Walt Whitman, Poetry and Prose, Library of America (Cambridge, £17.50).

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Anniversaries

Births: **Alfred Austin**, poet laureate 1896-1913, Leeds, Yorkshire, 1835; **Peter Carl Fabergé**, goldsmith, St Petersburg (Leningrad), 1846; **Alexander Archipenko**, sculptor and painter, Kiev, 1887.

Deaths: **Christopher Marlowe**, London, 1593; **Sir Peter Paul Rubens**, Antwerp, 1640; **Alexander Pope**, London, 1744; **Voltaire**, Paris, 1778; **Wilbur Wright**, aviation pioneer, Dayton, Ohio, 1912; **Saint Joan of Arc** was burned at the stake in Rouen, 1431.

Eclipse

There will be a partial eclipse of the Sun this evening at 18.14 hours British Summer Time. The disc will be rather less than half covered at 19.00 hours and will end at sunset this evening. Dr Donald Acheson, Chief Medical Officer at the DHSS, warned that it is dangerous to look directly at the Sun and adds that none of the devices usually used, such as heavily smoked glass or exposed photographic film, in fact protect the retina, as it is heat, not light, which does the damage. Such makeshift devices do not filter heat out.

Those wanting to see the eclipse should use a piece of card pierced with a small hole to project the image on to a card screen or light-coloured wall, using the principle of the pin-hole camera. No lens is needed.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.61	1.53
Austria Sch	27.80	26.20
Belgium Fr	80.75	76.75
Canada $	1.83	1.76
Denmark Kr	14.39	13.69
Finland Mkk	8.37	7.92
France Fr	12.07	11.47
Germany DM	3.91	3.73
Greece Dr	159.00	149.00
Hongkong $	11.20	10.60
Ireland	1.28	1.22
Italy Lira	2405.00	2305.00
Japan Yen	334.00	318.00
Netherlands Gld	4.43	4.21
Norway Kr	11.20	10.65
Portugal Esc	198.00	188.00
South Africa Rd	2.16	2.02
Spain Pta	215.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	11.66	11.06
Switzerland Fr	3.24	3.07
USA $	1.43	1.38
Yugoslavia Dnr	194.00	182.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 349.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 1.7 at 826.2.

Roads

London and South-east: A41: Edgware Way; both carriageways reduced to single lane between A1, (Apex Corner and Broadfields Ave). **A3200:** Delays on York Road approaching Waterloo roundabout (south of bridge). **M4:** Delays for three miles, E of Reading, junction 10, London bound carriageway closed for repairs until July for reconstruction work.

Midlands: A34: Roadworks at Tidmington, S of Shipston, Warwickshire. **M5:** Contraflow between junction 3 (Birmingham) and junction 4 (Bromsgrove). **A38:** Traffic sharing the southbound carriageway between the Watchorn Island (A61 junction) at Alfreton and the motorway (M1) roundabout at junction 23 near Matlock, Derbyshire.

Wales and West: M5: Between junctions 12 and 13 southbound entry slip road closed at junction 13, diversions via junction 14, lane closures on both carriageways. **M5:** Between junctions 16 and 17 Bristol, various lane closures on southbound carriageway northbound access slip road closed at junction 17; diversion via A38 to junction 16. **A55:** Delays at Chester to Colwyn Bay at roundabout. Contraflow at Llanddulais bypass, Clwyd.

The North: Delays at Queensway Tunnel and Mersey Tunnels. Queensway Tunnel closed between 21.15 and 05.45 hours. **A689:** Delays between Newton Bexley and Caxton Bank, Cleveland. **A66:** Single lane traffic on bridge at Eden Lodge, Kirkby Thore, four miles NW of Appleby.

Scotland: A9: Delays at Killiecrankie. **A9:** Northbound carriageway closed N of Central Regional Boundary (Perthshire). **A977:** Delays between Powmill and Rumbling Bridge, Kinross.

The papers

The Daily Star asks why Mr Arthur Scargill finds the violent clashes between police and pickets outside the Orgreave Coking Plant in South Yorkshire, 'almost unbelievable'. It says: "He was the one who led the pushing and shoving outside the plant on Sunday and called for 'massive demonstrations' to strangle coke supplies to the Scunthorpe Steel works." The paper adds: "What did he think was going to happen? A tea party with police serving cucumber sandwiches.?"

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure covers the UK as a weak trough of low pressure approaches NW Scotland.

6am to midnight

London, Central, S, E, SW, NW, Central N, NE England, E, W Midlands, Channel Islands, S, N Wales, Lake District: Dry sunny periods, wind mainly NW light, warm, max temp 19C (66F).

SE England, E Anglia: Dry some sunny intervals, wind N moderate, rather cool, max temp 15C (59F).

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Dry, sunny intervals, wind W light, max temp 16C (61F).

Argyll, Northern Ireland: Rather cloud, a little rain in places, some bright intervals, wind SW light, max temp 15C (59F).

NW Scotland: Cloudy, rain at times, wind SW light, maxt temp 13C (55F).

Orkney, Shetland: Dry, sunny intervals, wind W light, max temp 13C (55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Generally similar, becoming warmer.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: wind moderate or fresh, rain at times, visibility with fog patches, sea moderate. **English Channel (E):** wind N W backing S W light or moderate, fair, visibility moderate or good, sea slight. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** wind light variable becoming moderate southerly, fair, visibility good, sea smooth becoming slight.

Sun rises: 4.51 am Sun sets: 9.06 pm

Moon rises: 4.41 am Moon sets: 9.10 pm

New Moon: 5.46 pm.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	15	59	Guernsey	s	13	55
Birmingham	f	15	59	Inverness	s	13	55
Blackpool	s	12	54	Jersey	c	12	54
Bristol	s	17	63	London	c	12	54
Cardiff	f	15	59	Manchester	f	15	59
Edinburgh	f	12	54	Newcastle	f	12	54
Glasgow	s	16	61	Ronaldsway	s	14	57

Lighting-up time

London 9.36 pm to 4.20 am
Bristol 9.46 pm to 4.30 am
Edinburgh 10.14 pm to 4.06 am
Manchester 9.55 pm to 4.17 am
Penzance 9.51 pm to 4.48 am

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 5.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,012.9 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Cardiff, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Lowestoft, 0.1in; highest sunshine: Douglas, 14hr.

High tides

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Around Britain

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Abroad

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